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Volume VI.

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City Clerk.

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OF THE

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MASSACHUSETTS

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CITY OF FITCHBURG.

February 17, 1903.

The joint standing committee on education, to which was referred the petition No. 93 of the Fitchburg Historical Society, asking for a continuance of the publication of the old records of the town of Fitchburg during the current year, report that they recommend the adoption of the following order:

ORDERED, That the sum of nine hundred dollars ($900) be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of continuing the work of copying and printing the old records of the town of Fitchburg during the current year, the above to be done under the direction of the city clerk; said sum to be charged to incidental account.

(Signed) GEORGE H. JOHNSON, HENRY E. COWDREY, MAURICE J. O'CONNOR, GARDNER K. HUDSON, } *Committee on Education.*

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, February 17, 1903.

Report read and accepted and order adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

WALTER A. DAVIS, *City Clerk.*

IN COMMON COUNCIL, February 17, 1903.

Report read and accepted and order adopted in concurrence.

FRED A. TOLMAN, *Clerk.*

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 1903, and approved by him February 18, 1903.

CHARLES H. BLOOD, *Mayor.*

A true copy. Attest:

WALTER A. DAVIS, *City Clerk.*

INTRODUCTION.

City Clerk's Office,

December 7, 1903.

This volume contains an exact transcript of pages 1 to 278, inclusive, of Book VI. of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburg, Mass., which includes the town meetings and selectmen's records, beginning February 13, 1830, and continuing to January 1, 1844. The printer's copy has been prepared by Misses Bessie J. Davis and Nellie Lynch. The work of printing has been done by the Sentinel Printing Company, the index has been prepared under the supervision of Mr. Frank C. Hoyt. The same general method has been used in this volume as in former volumes with reference to paging, the heavy figures enclosed in brackets representing the paging in the original book.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER, ss. FITCHBURG, December 7, 1903.

I, WALTER A. DAVIS, City Clerk of the City of Fitchburg, hereby certify that the following, beginning with page 1 and ending with page 278 in Book VI., is a true and correct copy of so much of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburg as is contained on the pages and in the volume named; except that the title, paging and explanatory marks and notes have been added in the present volume.

Walter A. Davis

City Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

FRANK D. PAGE, *Notary Public.*

THE OLD RECORDS

OF THE

TOWN OF FITCHBURG

FROM BOOK VI.

[1] 1830 Records of the Town of Fitchburg. Beginning A. D. One Thousand eight hunded and Thirty.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 1st. 1830

Worcester ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg— Greeting.

Seal. Seal. Seal.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the First Parish Meeting-house in said Town on monday the first day of March next at nine of the clock in the fore noon, to act on the following articles Viz.

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

Article 2d To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Select-men, Aſsesſors, and all other Town officers agreeable to Law, and act anything respecting choosing a Collector or Collectors the Town may deem proper.

Article 3d. To See what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their Highways and Bridges the ensuing year or act any thing with regard to the method of appropriating and laying out said sums of Money they may deem proper.

Article 4th. To see what sum or Sums of money the Town will raise to Support their Schools the year ensuing or act anything respecting laying out the said money they may deem proper.

Article 5th. To See what sum or sums of Money the Town will raise to defray their necessary charges the year ensuing.

Article 6th. To See if the town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Select-men.

Article 7th. To hear the report of the Committee chose to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Select-men and Afsefsors for the year past.

Article 8th. To See if the Town will choose a committee to afsertain the expence of the Work-house and its Inmates for the year past.

Article 9th. To See if the Town will choose a Committee whoes duty it Shall be to examine and keep in repair and Rebuild Such Bridges as the Town is obliged to suport or act any thing thereon

Article 10th. To See if the Town will suffer Swine to run at large under the regulations of the Law.

Article 11th. To See if the Town will restrain neat cattle from running at large the year ensuing.

[2] 1830.
Warrant Continued

Article 12th. To See if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town for the year ensuing.

Article 13th. To See if the Town will provide a person to ring either of Bells for Town purposes or act any thing thereon.

Article 14th. To See if the Town will accept of any road laid out by their Select-men.

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy at each of the Meeting-houses in Said Town eight days at least before the hour of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not to make return of this Warrant with your doings thereof to the Clerk of said Town before said hour of meeting.

Given under our hands and Seals this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty.

Zachariah Sheldon
Abel Downe
Levi Pratt
} Select-men of Fitchburg.

Worcester ſs Febry 19th 1830 pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place for the purposes within mentioned.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.

Recorded By J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[3] Town Meeting March 1st. 1830.

Fitchburg March 1st 1830. Pursuant to the forgoing Warrant the Inhabitants of Town of Fitchburg aſsembled at the first parish Meeting-house as within directed.

The meeting was opened by reading the Warrant and by Prayer by the Reverent Mr Lincoln.

Article 1st. Voted and chose Nathaniel Wood Moderator.

Article 2d. Town Clerk s. Voted and chose Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Treasurer Voted that the Treasurer & Collector be not connected

s. Voted and Chose Joseph Simonds Treasurer

Voted to choose three Select-men

Select men & Assessors.

s. Chose Deac Abel Downe
s. Capt Levi Pratt } Select-men
s. Manasseh Sawyer

Chose Deac Abel Down
Capt Levi Pratt } Asseſsors
Manaſseh Sawyer

Highway Surveyors.

s. Chose	Charles Beckwith	s. Ephraim Osborn 3d
s.	Samuel Hale	s. Phineas Sawyer
s.	Benjamin Snow	s. Elnathan Gibson
s.	Asa Sawyer	s. William Carter
	David D. McIntire	Edmond Davis
s.	Josiah Brown	s. Samuel Phelps
s.	Arrington Gibson 2d	s. William Johnson
	Benjamin Brown	s. Stephen Bemis
s.	Ebenezer Thurston	s. Charles P. Dean and
s.	Francis Perkins. and	Joseph Upton

Highway Surveyors

Cullers of Hoops & Staves s. Chose Jeremiah Kinsman Jr and s. Joseph Downe. Cullers of Hoops & Staves.

Fence Viewers

s. Chose	Thomas Eaton	s. Josiah Hartwell and
	Cyrus Thurston	s. Phineas Sawyer

Fence Viewers.

Surveyors of Lumber — s. Chose John Prichard, s. Abijah Hartwell, s. John L. Joslin and; s. Justin Stearnes and, s. Zacheriah Sheldon — Surveyors of Lumber

Field Drivers — s. Chose Joseph F. Hovey, Flint Sheldon; David Whitemore and, Capt Aaron Eaton — Field Drivers

Pound Keeper — s. Chose George Wood — Pound Keeper

Fire Wards. — Chose Capt Alpheus Kimball, Capt Zachariah Sheldon, Jonas A. Marshall, Abial J. Towne, Genrl Ivers Jewett, John Prichard, Capt Amos Durant, Capt Robert Sampson Jr — Fire Wards.

Hog Reeves. — Chose Simeon Gibson, Moses Stowell, Alvah Crocker, Hyram Walker, s. David Taylor Jr, James Fenno, Avery Stockwell, Jacob Brown, Charles Russell, Andrew Derby, Levi Downe, Joseph F. Scott, Levi Simonds, Samuel Shattuck 2d, Dexter Cowdin, Naham Johnson, Amos Brown, Amos Wheeler, Walter Wiswell and — Hog Reeves.

[4] March 1st. 1830 Tythingmen — Chose Hayman Wheeler, Hosea Procter; Capt Phillip F. Cowdin, Samuel D. Phelps — Tythingmen

Voted to adjourn for one hour

Meeting opened at adjournment by reading the Laws against profane cursing and Swearing &c

School Committee — Chose Rev Calvin Lincoln, Rev Rufus A. Putnam, Ebenezer Torrey Esqr, Nathaniel Wood Esqr; Doct Abel Fox, Doct Jonas A. Marshall, David Brigham Esqr — School Committee

Voted to pafs over that part of the second Article which relates to Collector

Article 7th. Voted to take up the Seventh Article

Voted to hear the report of the committee chosen to Settle with the Treasurer for the year past.

The Report of the Committee having been read

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee

For Report See the close of the Record of this Meeting

Article 3d. $1200. For. Highways & Bridges.

Voted to Raise twelve hundred Dollars for the support of highways and Bridges the year ensuing

Voted to allow the same price pr hour for work on the Road as last year.

Article 4th. $1100.—For Schools

Voted to Raise the Sum of Eleven Hundred Dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

Voted the money be apportioned acording to the number of Schollars except two hundred Dollars to be apportioned by the select-men at their discretion.

Article 5th. $3500.—For Town Charges

Voted to Raise Thirty five hundred Dollars for necessary Town charges for the year ensuing

Article 6th.

Voted to choose a committee of three to Settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Select-men

Committee

Chose Jonas Marshall
Joseph Richardson } Committee.
Nathaniel Wood

Article 8th.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to aſsertain to expences of the Work-house and its Inmates for the year past

Committee

Chose Joseph Downe Esqr
Ivers Jewett Esqr } Committee
Isaiah Putnam Esqr

Article 9th.

Voted To Choose a Committee of three to Examine and keep in repair and rebuild such Bridges as the Town is obliged to support.

Committee

Chose Joseph Down Esqr
Capt Zachariah Sheldon } Committee
Jonas Marshall

Article 10th.

Voted to paſs over the tenth article

Article 11th.

Voted that neat Cattle be restrained from runnig at large the year ensuing

Article 12th.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money for the use of the Town for the year ensuing.

[5] March 1. 1830

Article 13th.

Voted to paſs over the thirteenth article

Article 14th. Amos Lawrence's Road.

Voted to accept the road praid for by Amos Lawrence and laid out by the Select-men provided the Said Lawrence give bonds to free the Town from any expence for said Road

Article 2d. Collection at $1\frac{9}{100}$ pr ent

The town then took up the Second article for the purpose of letting out the Collection of the Taxes. It being set up by the moderator it was struck off to Benjamin Snow for one Dollar nine cents on the hundred Dollars

Bondsmen

Voted to accept Ephraim Smith and Jonas Marshall as Bondsmen to the Collector

Collector

Voted and chose Benjamin Snow Collector

Voted to choose two constables for the year ensuing

Constables

Chose Capt Alpheus Kimball and Capt Samuel Putnam } Constables.

Adjourned

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next at one o'clock P. M.

Adjournment of March-meeting April 5th. 1830

Pursuant to adjournment of Town Meeting March 1, 1830 the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled at the first parish Meeting-house on Monday the 5th day of April 8130.

The meeting being opened it was voted to adjourn for five minuts then to meet at the second parish meeting-house

At the expiration of the five minuts the meeting was opened at the second parish meeting-house agreeable to adjournment.

The committee chosen to afsertain the expense of the Work-house and its inmates the year past then reported

Voted to accept their report.

Expences of The Work-house 1829.

The committee reported that the Expences at the Work-house for the year ending April 1, 1830 was $792.74 —

Whole amount for Supporting the poor 3 Years . . . . . $2089.59.

Average pr Year . . . . . 696.53.

Further particulars see Report on file.

Voted to reconcider the vote to pafs over the 13 Article

Article 13. Ringing Bell. $20.

Voted to appropriate twenty Dollars for the ringing of one of the church Bells for Town purposes the year ensuing

Voted that the select-men have the direction of the above appropriation.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Oaths of Office

The following persons were qualified for the offices to which they were chosen by taking the oath required by Law in open Town meeting March 1st 1830 Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer Deac Abel Downe, Capt Levi Pratt and Manasseh Sawyer Select-men Deac Abel Downe, Capt Levi Pratt and Manafseh Sawyer Assefsors, Charles Beckith, Samuel Hale, Benjamin Snow, Asa Sawyer, Josiah Brown, Arrington Gibson 2d Eben Thurston, Francis Perkins, Ephraim Osborn 3d Phineas Sawyer Elnathan Gibson, William Carter, Samuel Phelps, William Johnson Charles P. Deane as Highway Surveyors

[6] Records of March Meeting 1830. Oaths of Office Continued

Jeremiah Kinsman Jr and Joseph Downe Esqr} Cullers of Hoops & Staves

Thomas Eaton, Josiah Hartwell, Phineas Sawyer, April 11. Cyrus Thurston, Fence Viewers.

John Prichard, Abijah Hartwell, John L. Joslin, Justin Stearnes and Zachariah Sheldon, as Surveyors of Lumber.

Joseph F. Hovey, as Field Driver. George Wood Pound Keeper

March 5 Stephen Bemis appeared and took the oath required by law for the office of Highway Surveyor

March 9 David Taylor Jr took the oath required of a Hog-reeve.

March 6 Samuel Putnam May 3d Capt Alpheus Kimball appeared and Took the oath required by law to be taken by Constables.

Worcefter fs Fitchburg March 1, 1830 This day personally appeared before me, Jonas A. Marshall and made oath, that as Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg he would faithfully and impartially record all votes pafsed in all Town Meetings during the year and until another Clerk shall be chosen and sworn:

and and also faithfully discharge all the other duties of his said office.

Ebenezer Torrey Justice of the Peace.

Committee to Settle with the Treasurer &c. Report—Date Fitchburg Feby 27th. 1830

The subscribers, a committee chosen by the Inhabitants of said Town at their anual March meeting in 1829, for the purpose of settleing with their Treasurer, and inspecting the accounts of the select-men, Afsessors and Overseers of the poor offer the following report Viz.

Treasurer Dr

To ballance due from him to the Town at the last Settlement	$40.11
" Cash paid for conditional exemption from Military Duty	2.00
" Cash Reed of the Selectmen, paid by the Town of Duglas for providing for the family of Ephm Robins . . .	23.00
" Cash paid by Deac Abel Downe in full of 1827. Collection.	49.—
" Cash paid by Benjª Snow on 1828. tax Bill	1685.07
" payments by Deac Abel Downe on his Collection for 1829	2200.00
" Interest paid by road contractors on money advanced	12.51
" Cash hired the year past for the use of the Town	5426.00
" Cash paid by Capt Joshua Goodridge on Note for land Sold him	75.00
	$9517.69

Treasurer — Cr

By payment of Orders drawn on him by the Select-men	8104.61
" payment of Sundry Town Notes, Viz. To Capt Oliver Fox $954.60 Dr Abel Fox 101.63 Jonª Lowe 52.44 Nancy Andrews 67.10	1175.78

" paying anual Interest on Town Notes, Viz. to Moses Hale 49.74 To Calvin Willard Esqr 30.00 Dr Abel Fox 6.00 Justin Stearnes 6.00 Levi Farwell 6 00 Nancy Andrews 3.90 Jabez Farbanks 6.72	108.36
" paying Interest on short loans . . .	6.15
" paying Ashur Adams Esqr for negotiating a loan of 3000$ at Boston . .	15.00
" his Services as Treasurer the year past, including Journeys and time and expences hiring and paying out cash .	24.00
	$9433.90

[7] Report Continued.

Leaving a ballance due the Town from their Treasurer of	83.79
We find due from Benj^a Snow on his collection for the year 1828, ...	110.01
Due from Deac Abel Downe on 1829. Tax Bill	2437.31
Due from Capt Joshua Goodridge on Note for town land Sold him	75.00
	$2706.11
We find due from the Town to the following named persons being the principal of their several Notes Viz To Caleb Perry 2544.$ To Moses Hale 1000.$ Calvin Willard Esqr 500.$ To Levi Farwell 200.$ Jabez Farbanks $112.$ Justin Stearnes 100.$ Jon^a Lowe 50.$ Joshua Goodridge 791.$ Francis Perkins 500.$ Hannah Bradford of Boston 3000.$ Bezaleal Lawrance 300.$ Sally Fuller 135.$	$9732.00
Interest due on the above described notes on the first of April next about . . .	425.50
Due the Select-men & afsefsors for Services	54.09
Due the several School Districts	601.86
Out Standing orders	5.18

Due Charles Beckwith as overseer of the
Town's farm 50 00

$10868.63

Leaving a ballance against the Town of . $8162.52
All which is respectfully submitted by

Jonas Marshall } Committee
Benj^a Snow }
Joseph Simonds Treasurer

Recorded by J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting April 5, 1830.

Seal
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Seal

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Second Parish Meeting-house in said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 1st.

1st To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for five Senators for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing.

Article 2d.

2^d To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting for the transaction of Town businefs.

Article 3d

3^d To see what measures the Town will take to make a Survey and plan of the Town of Fitchburg by an order from the General Court.

[8] Warrant Continued April 5, 1830
Article 4.

4th To See of the Town will discontinue a piece of road through land of Daniel Works or act anything thereon.

Article 5.

5th To see if the Town will pay a Bounty upon Crows the year ensuing or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the meeting-houses in said town at least Eight Days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and Seals this Nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Abel Downe
Levi Pratt
Manasseh Sawyer } Select-men of Fitchburg.

Recorded by J. A. Marshall, Town Clerk.

Worcefter ſs March 20, 1830 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet and aſsemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Putnam Constable.

Recorded by J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting April 5, 1830.

Fitchburg April 5th 1830 Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg aſsembled at the Second parish meeting-house as within directed, and gave in their votes for the following persons, viz.

Governor

For Governor	His Excellency Levi Lincoln	had 97.	Votes.
	Hon Marcus Morton . . .	" 72.	"
	Joseph Downe Esqr . . .	" 1	"
	John H. Wheeler	" 1	"
	Moses Hale	" 1	"

Lt Governor.

For Lt Governor	His Hon Thomas L. Winthrop	had 101.	Votes
	Hon Nathan Willis	" 67.	"
	David Brigham Esqr .	" 1.	"

Senators

For Senators	Hon John W. Lincoln	had 103.	Votes.
	Hon William S. Hastings	" 102.	"
	Hon Samuel Mixter	" 102.	"
	Hon David Wilder	" 101.	"
	Hon Lovell Walker	" 82.	"
	Daniel Thurber	" 56.	"
	Pliney Merick	" 21.	"
	Jonas L. Sibley	" 54.	"
	Isaac Davis	" 53.	"
	Henry Prentis	" 52.	"
	Josiah Howe	" 54.	"
	Thomas L. Winthrop	" 1.	"
	David Willard	" 1.	"
	Abel Downe	" 1.	"

Rec Car up

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Voted and chose Nathaniel Wood Moderator.

Article 2d

Article 3d Committee. Survey of Town

Voted that the Select-men be a committee to carry into effect a Resolve requiring Towns to make surveys of their Territory

Article 4th. Discontinuance of Road. D. Works

Voted to discontinue the Town Road through land of Daniel Works leading from the old to the new County Road to Ashburnham.

Article 5th.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to pay out of the Treasury twenty five cents on every Crow killed within the Town from this time to the fourth of July.

Voted to reconsider the last vote

Voted to adjourn the meeting for Town businefs.

Voted to difsolve the meeting.

J A Marshall Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting May 3, 1830.

Seal
Seal
Seal

Worcefter fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the first Parish Meeting-house on Monday the third day of May next at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 1.

To determine the number of Representatives said town will choose for the present year

Article 2.

To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Article 3d.

To choose a moderator to govern the meeting for the transaction of Town businefs.

Article 4

To See if the town will except of any road or roads laid out by their Select-men.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in Said town Eight Days at least before the time of holding Said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our

hands and Seals this twenty Second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Abel Downe
Levi Pratt
Manafseh Sawyer } Select-men of Fitchburg.

Worcester ſs. April 24, 1830 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet and aſsemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Samuel Putnam Constable

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[10] Town Meeting May 3, 1830.

Fitchburg May 3 1830 Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg aſsembled at the First Parish Meeting-house. the meeting was opened by reading the Warrant

Voted to choose two Representatives for the year ensuing and that they be carried on one Ticket.

Votes were given for the following persons viz.

Representatives Chosen Isaiah Putnam and Payson Williams 1830

First Balloting [and was Chosen
Isaiah Putnam had 171. Votes for 1st Representative
Ebenezer Torrey Esqr had 79. Votes for 2d Representative

Payson Williams Esqr	" 85.	"	"	"
Zachariah Sheldon	" 9	"	"	"
Nathaniel Wood	" 1	"	"	"
David Boutell	" 1	"	"	"

Second Balloting [ative and was Chosen
Payson Williams Esqr had 96. Votes for 2d Represent-

Ebenezer Torrey Esqr	" 58.	"	"	"
Zachariah Sheldon	" 17.	"	"	"
Nathaniel Wood	" 2.	"	"	"

Voted and chose Nathaniel Wood Moderator

Edward Smiths Road.

The Select-men then made the following reports of Roads

Report of a Road

Report of Select-men on Roads.

We the Subscribers Select-men of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the said town,

a town way as follows, Begining on the line of the new County Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham, thence North 11.° East 1 Rod on Land of Josiah and Benjamin Hartwells then continueing the same course 14 Rods 17. links thence North 4. Degrees East 36 Rods to a Stake and Stones on land of Edward Smith to be two Rods wide and to lie on the Westerly Side of said course. And the Said Hartwells release all damages for laying Said road through their land. Also Said Smith releases all damages on his part and make the Road free from expense to the town. Which Said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this third day of May 1830.

Levi Pratt } Select-men of
Manafseh Sawyer } Fitchburg.

Voted to accept the above Report.

Ruben Billings Road.

Report} We the Subscribers Select-men of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of Said town a town way as follows: Begining at the wall near Ruben Billingses House. thence South. 79½° East

20 Rods thence	South	62½°	East	16¾ Rods	Through Said Billings land.
"	"	33.°	"	17¼ "	
"	"	29½	"	9½ "	
Thence	South	7½°	East	16. Rods	Through land of Benjm Tolman.
"	"	32	"	16 "	
"	"	49	"	6¾ "	
"	"	59	"	47½ "	
"	"	42	"	14½ "	
Thence	South	41	East	33 Rods	Through Land of Joseph Richardson
"	"	32	"	9¾ "	
"	"	18	"	18. "	
"	"	16	"	14. "	
Thence	South	25½°	East	36 Rods} Land of James Parkhurst Jr	
Thence	South	25½°	East	114 Rods	On land of Joseph Richard-
"	"	44	"	2 "	
		80	"	2 "	

son. To the Gate near Mr Joseph Richardsons House meeting the old road

[11] The above described Road is to be two Rods wide and the bounds are on the Northeasterly Side of said course. And the Said Billings and Tolman agree to release all the damages from laying Said road through their land. Said Billings will build the road through his land free of expense to the Town & pay twenty five dollars towards building the remainder and we have apprised the damage of said Parkhurst thirty five dollars, to Joseph Richardson two hundred Dollars, and we allow the several owners of the land aforesaid one Year to take off the wood and timber Standing and growing thereon, wich Said Road is reported to the Town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town way ——

Dated at Fitchburg this 3d day of May AD. 1830

whole length of said road is one Mile and 73 Rods

Levi Pratt }Select-men of
Manafseh Sawyer} Fitchburg.

Conditions of Billing's & Tolmans Road Billings for mak Road to Recv. $100 Damages allowed To James Parkhurst $35. To Joseph Richardson $200. And $ 25. $225. See next Page

After the above report was made it was Motioned to accept the road as laid out by Select-men for Ruben Billings and B. Tolman on the following conditions, that Said Billings give Bonds to build the road to the acceptance of Select-men for the Sum of one hundred dollars. Said Tolman & Billings releasing all damages, James Parkhurst Jr receiving Thirty five dollars as damage Said Town Paying Joseph Richardson 200 Dollars in full of all damages. Said 100 Dollars to be paid to Said Billings as follows 50 dollars next Fall the other 50 dollars at the completion of said road which is to be done in 2 years from this date. the Vote being put it was carried in the affirmative

Dissolveed

Voted to difsolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Novm 1, 1830. Seal. Seal. Seal.

Worcester ſs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester,

Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the 2d Parish Meeting-house in Fitchburg on Monday the first day of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon to give in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representitive for the North Congreſsional District to represent them in the Congreſs of the United States of America, for the term of two years from the third of March 1831. And also to act on the following articles —

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

" 2d To See what measures the Town will take respecting the road lately laid out by their Selectmen leading from Ruben Billings' Garden to Joseph Richardsons house.

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[12] November 1 1830 Warrant Cont.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting Copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said Meeting — Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as afore said.

Given under our hands and Seals this 16th day of October in the year of our Lord 1830.

Abel Downe
Manaſseh Sawyer } Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg.
Levi Pratt.

Return.

Worceſter ſs October 18th 1830 By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to aſsemble at the time and place and for the purposes as within directed.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.

Records of Town Meeting Nov. 1. 1830

The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled at the Second parish Meeting-house in Said Town on Monday the first day of November 1830 for the purpose of transacting the businefs as specified in the foregoing Warrant. The meeting was opened by reading the Warrant.

Votes were then given in for a Representitive to Congrefs as the Law directs—which when counted were found to be all for

Representative to Congress for 1831 & 1832—

The Hon Joseph G. Kendall who had Seventy five Votes.

Moderator.

Voted and chose Mr Levi Farwell Moderator

Joseph Richardsons Damage for R. Billings' Road $225. See May 3. 1830

Mr Joseph Richardson declined accepting the sum of $200. as damage as apprised by the Selectmen for a Road pafsing through his land from Ruben Billingses—laid out May 3. 1830.

The Town then Voted to add twenty five Dollars to the two hundred above mentioned—as damage aforesaid which Mr Richardson accepted.

Voted to difsolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[13] 1831. Warrant for Town meeting March. 7. 1831.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg. Greeting.

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.Seal.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and Town affaires, to meet at the First Parish Meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 7th day of March next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1st.

To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

. . 2d.

To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Afsefsors, and all other Town officers agreeable to law, and act anything respecting choosing a Collector the Town may deem proper.

. . 3.

To hear the report of the Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Select-men and Assefsors for the year 1830.

. . 4. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assefsors for the year 1831.

. . 5. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their Highways and Bridges the ensuing year, or act anything with regard to the method of appropriating and laying out said sums of money they may deem proper.

. . 6. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their Schools the year ensuing or act anything with respect to laying out said money they may think proper.

. . 7. To see what sum or sums of Money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town charges the year ensuing or act anything thereon.

. . 8. To see if the Town will choose a committee to afsertain the expences of the Workhouse and its inmates for the year past.

. . 9. To see if the Town will choose a committee to keep in repair their Bridges the year ensuing.

. . 10. To see if the Town will make any provision for ringing either of the Parish Bells once or twice daily the year ensuing.

. . 11. To see if the Town will restrain Horses, Neat Cattle, and Swine, from running at large within the limits of the Town, the year ensuing.

. . 12. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

. . 13. To see if the Town will make any appropriations for removing the snow from their high-ways the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

. . 14. To bring in their votes for County Treasurer.

. . 15. To bring in their votes for Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester.

. . 16. To see if the Town will pay the Bill or Bills of their Committee for building a reservoir on the common in the year 1828. or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the

public Meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and seals, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Abel Downe. } Select-men
Levi Pratt. } of
Manasseh Sawyer. } Fitchburg

Return.

Worcester fs. Febry. 19. 1831. I hereby certify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Alpheus Kimball. Constable of Fitchburg.
J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[14] 1831. Record of Town Meeting March 7. 1831.

Records. 1831.
March 7.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants afsembled at the First Parish meeting-house in Fitchburg March 7. 1331.

Moderator.

Voted and Chose Nathaniel Wood moderator of the meeting.

Prayers.

A. List of the voters being read by the Clerk the meeting was opened with Prayer by Revr Calvin Lincoln.

Town Clerk.

Voted and Chose s Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Treasurer.

Voted and Chose s Joseph Simonds Town Treasurer.

Select-men.

Voted and Chose s Levi Pratt, s Manafseh Sawyer, and s Abel Thurston Select-men.

Assessors.

Voted and Chose s Levi Pratt, s Manafseh Sawyer and s Abel Thurston Afsefsors.

Overseers of the Poor.

Voted to choose a seperate board of Overseers of the Poor.

Voted and chose s Jonas Marshall, s David Boutell and Isaiah Putnam Overseers of the Poor.

Surveyors of Highways.

Voted and chose

s Stephen Lowe
Samuel W. Harris
s Manasseh Sawyer
s { Benjamin Hartwell }
s { Samuel A. Wheeler }
Payson Williams
s Simeon Shattuck
s Jeremiah Kinsman
s Levi Farwell
Aaron Derby Jr
s John Thurston
William Downe
s Calvin Howard
Walter Wiswell
Clark Hillton
s Samuel Sheldon
s Levi Phelps
s Amos Wheeler 2d
s Timothy F. Downe
s Daniel Works and
s Abel F. Adams
High-way Surveyors

Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Voted and chose s Joseph F. Hovey and s. Nathan Ordway Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Fence Viewers.

Voted and chose James Harris s Josiah Brown and s Hosea Procter s Samuel Hawes Fence Viewers.

Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted and Chose
s John Prichard
s Hosea Procter
s William Woodbury
s John H. Wheeler and
s Justin Stearnes
Surveyors of Lumber.

Field Drivers.

Voted and Chose
William Miles
s Joseph Townshend
s Josiah Brown and
s Phineas A. Crocker
Field Drivers.

Pound Keeper.

Voted and Chose s Joseph F. Hovey Pound Keeper.

Fire Wards.

Voted and Chose
Alpheus Kimball
Martin Newton
Ivers Jewett
Clemant Jewett
David Boutell
Josiah Sheldon
Abial J. Towne and
Jonas A. Marshall
Fire Wards.

Hog Reeves.

Voted and Chose David Boutell, Samuel Hawes, Elijah Felt, Jabez Flint Samuel Bruce, Loring Wheeler, John H. Wheeler, Lewis L. Morse, Joseph Battles Jr, William Damon, Daniel Emory, John Goodridge 3d, Jeremiah Hanscome, Ezra W. Reed, John Dole, Levi Farnsworth, Joseph Upton Jr, Horace P. Mefsenger, Joseph Willard

William Miles, Moses Hale, Aaron Story, Ebenezer Whitemore and Flint Sheldon, Hog-Reeves.

Tything-Men.

Voted and chose s David Baldwin, s Ephraim Osborn 3d, s Jacob Jaquith and s Alvah Crocker, Tything-men.

School Committee Pafsed over

Voted to pafs over the 2d Article so far as it relates to a School Committee. to adjournment

Collection of Taxes for 1831. Rate .97 cts, on $100.

Voted that the Moderator let out the collection of Taxes. to the lowest bidder for the year 1831. which was struck of to Manafseh Sawyer he being the lowest bidder, at .97 cents on the hundred dollars.

Collector.

Voted and chose s Manafseh Sawyer Collector

Bonds-men to Collector.

Voted to accept Benjamin Snow, and Levi Pratt as Bondsmen for the Collector

[15] March Meeting Continued. 2 Constables

Records Continued 1831.

March 7.

Voted to choose two Constables for the year ensuing.

Constables

Chose s Alpheus Kimball and s Samuel Davis Constables.

Article 14.

Voted to take up the 14. Article of the Warrant.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg then gave in their votes for a county Treasurer, and the same being counted and sorted in the meeting by the Moderator thereof, and town Clerk, it appeared that there were

County Treasurer

For Charles G. Prentiss	66. Votes.
For Wm. Jennison	23. Votes.
For Anthony Chase	3. Votes.

Article 15.

The Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg then brought in their votes for Register of Deeds, and the same being counted and sorted by Nathaniel Wood and Benjamin Snow who were chosen to count the votes for that meeting it appeared that but one person was voted for and the number of votes were as follows viz For Artemas Ward 77. Votes.

Register of Deeds—

Committee to Settle with Treasurer &c for 1830.

The Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Select-men and Assefsors for 1830 then made their report, which follows

Report

Fitchburg March 4th 1831. The Subscribers—a committee chosen by the Inhabitants of said Town at their last anual March meeting for the purpose of settleing with their Treasurer and for inspecting the accounts of the Select-men and Assefsors have attended to the businefs, and offer the following report viz

Treasurer—Dr.	
To ballance due from him to the Town on the last settlement	$83..79.
" Cash paid him by the Selectmen and reed by them from the Town of Leominster for providing for Nancy Rugg	24..10
" Cash paid him by the Select-men Reed by them from Townsend for providing for Isaiah Mc.Intire	4..15
" Cash paid by Benjamin Snow in full for his collection for the year 1828 .	110..01
" payments by Abel Downe for his Collection for the year 1829	2348..31
" payments by Benja Snow on 1830 Collection	2038..75
" payment in full of a Note due the town from Capt Joshua Goodridge . . .	77..68
" Interest paid by Esqr Downe on cash advanced	..32
	$4687..11

Treasurer—Cr	
By payment of orders drawn on him by the Selectmen	3046..28.
" paying Sundry town notes. viz to Justin Stearnes 100..28. Levi Farwell 204..76 Jabez Farbanks 117..27. Jona Lowe 50..82. Joshua Goodridge in part 30..22	503..35

" paying anual Interest on town notes viz To Justin Stearnes 6..00. Jabez Farbanks 6..72, Moses Hale 60.. Calvin Willard Esqr 30.. Caleb Perry 152..64. Levi Farwell 12.. Francis Perkins 30.. Joshua Goodridge 47..46 Sally Fuller 8..10 Hannah Bradford 180.. Jon^a Lowe 3.. Bezalell Lawrance 48..	583..92
" Interest paid on short loans	1..59.
" his services as Treasurer the year past	18..00.
	$4153..14.
	Over.

[16] Records of Town Meeting March 7. Treasury Report Continued.

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March 7.

Leaving a ballance in the Treasurer's hands of	533.97.
Due the town from Abel Downe on 1829. tax Bill	89..00.
Due from Benj^a Snow on his collection for 1830	2655..47.
Due from the County for making road to Lunenburg	300..00.
	3578..44.
Due from the town to the following named persons, being principal of their several notes viz To Caleb Perry 2544.. Moses Hale 1000.. Calvin Willard 500.. Francis Perkins 500.. Hannah Bradford 3000.. Bezalell Lawrence 800.. Sally Fuller 135.. Joshua Goodridge and children 760..80.	9239..80.
Due of Interest on the first of April next on the above described notes about .	402..00.
Due the Select-men and Assefsors for services	60..78.
Due the several School districts	542..34.
Out standing orders	12..00.
Due Charles Beckwith for overseeing the town farm	50..00.

Due Joseph Richardson for road damages . . . . .

$10306..92.

Ballance against the Town . . . . . 6728..48.

All which is respectfully submitted by

Jonas Marshall.

Joseph Richardson.

Nath[l] Wood. Committee

Joseph Simonds. Treasurer.

Ballance against the town this year lefs than last $1434..04.

Report Accepted

Voted to accept the above Report.

Article 4.

Voted to choose a committee of three to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Select-men and Assessors for the year 1831.

Committee

Chose Jonas Marshall
Ivers Jewett and
Nathaniel Wood for said Committee.

Article 5. For High ways & Bridges $1200..

Voted to raise the sum of $1200.. for the repair of High-ways and Bridges for the year ensuing.

Voted to allow the same pr hour for work on High-Ways as last year.

Schools $1100.. Article 6..

Voted to rais the sum of $1100.. for the support of schools the year ensuing.

Voted that it be apportioned as last year.

Article 7.. $3500.. Town Charges.

Voted to raise $3500.. to defray their necessary Town Charges for the year ensuing.

Article 8.

Voted to choose a committee of three to afsertain the expences of the work-house and its inmates the year past.

Committee on Work-house

Chose Joseph Downe
Ivers Jewett and
Isaiah Putnam Committee.

Article 9. Committee on Bridges

Voted to choose a committee of three to keep in repair their Bridges the year ensuing

Voted that the Select-men be that committee.

Article 10. Ring. Bell 20..$

Voted to appropriate $20.. for ringing one of the parish Bells the year ensuing under the direction of the Select-men.

Article 11. Horses & Cattle Restrained

Voted that Horses and neat Cattle be restrained from runing at large the year ensuing

Voted to pafs over the rest of the 11 Article.

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March 7.

Article 12. Treasurer to hire money.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

Article 13.

Voted to pafs over the 13. Article.

Article 16.

Voted that the subject of the 16 Article be refered to a committee of three to report at the adjournment.

Committee on Reservoir

Chose Charles W. Wilder
Josiah Brown and
Jonas Marshall for said Committee.

Adjournment

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at 1. O'clock P. M.

April 4. 1831. At Adjourned meeting

The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg met at the first parish meeting-house April 4 1831. at one o'clock agreable to adjournment March 7. The meeting being opened Voted to adjourn for 10 munits then to meet at the second parish meetinghouse 10 munits past 1. o'clock the meeting was opened at the second parish meeting-house according to adjournment.

Bond of Treasurer Joseph Simonds Accepted

The Treasurer then presented his bond to the town which was read and accepted.

Article 2 part of

That part of the 2 Article which was pafsed over on the 7. of March was called up. motion being made —Voted to choose a school committee of five persons on one ticket. Chose Revr. Calvin Lincoln

School Committee

Oliver Everett
David Brigham
Nathaniel Wood and
Abel Fox—Committee.

Report of Committee on Work-house Ap. 1831

The committee chosen to examine & afsertain the expences of the Work-house and its inmates the year past then reported that the amount of property on hand April 1, 1830 was $1563..90.
Expences for the poor 1830 . 759..13 = $2323..03.

Amount of property on hand
ending Ap. 1. 1831 . . . $1740..76.
Expences for supporting the
poor for the year ending
April 1, 1831 . . . . . 582..27.

Report of Committee on Article 16 Not Accepted.

The committee chosen to enquire into the subject of the 16 Article of the Warrant of this meeting reported that Capt Zachariah Sheldon be allowed the sum of $25.. and Manafseh Sawyer the sum of $20.. —Voted not to accept of said report.

Report on file.

Dissolved

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Oaths of Office

All Town officers having the letter .s. on the Record before their names took the oath of office in open Town meeting or on that day (March 7.)

April 4. Samuel W. Harris appeared and took the oath required of a Surveyor of Highways.

Clerks Oath

Worcester fs March 7. 1831. This day personally appeared Jonas A. Marshall and made Oath, that as clerk of the Town of Fitchburg he would faithfully and impartially record all votes pafsed in all town meetings

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March 7. Oaths Continued

during the year and until another clerk should be chosen and sworn; and also faithfully discharge all the other duties of his Office.

Before me Ebenezer Torrey Justice of the Peace

May 4 Payson Williams appeared and took the Oath required of a Highway Surveyor

August 23, 1831. Personally appeared Levi Pratt, Manasseh Sawyer and Abel Thurston and took the oath required of Assefsors before taking the Valuation for the State Tax.

September 12. 1831. Personally appeared Levi Pratt & Manafseh Sawyer and took the Oath which the Law requires of Selectmen before granting approbation to retailers of Sprits. All before me J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Warrant April Meeting 1831.

Warrant Town Meeting
April 4. 1831.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal Seal Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Second Parish Meeting-house in Fitchburg on Monday the fourth day of April next at two O'Clock in the afternoon being first Monday of said month.

Article 1. To bring in their Votes to the Select-men for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for five Senators on one ballot for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing.

Article 2. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting for the transaction of town businefs.

Article 3. To see if the town will accept of any road or roads laid out by their Select-men or act any thing thereon

Article 4. To see if the town will choose a committee in reference to a better regulation of our public schools or act any thing thereon

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and seals this fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Levi Pratt
Manafseh Sawyer } Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Abel Thurston

Att J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Return of Constable

Worcester fs. March 21. 1831. I hereby certify that I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of

Fitchburg to meet at the time and place for the purposes within named.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

[19] Town Meeting April 4. 1831.

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April 4.

In legal Town meeting the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs afsembled at the Second parish Meeting-house on the 4 day of April 1831, it being the first Monday of said month and gave in their votes as follows Viz.

Votes. For Governor.

For Governor	His Excl Levi Lincoln	had	64.	Votes
	Hon Samuel Lathrop	"	8	"
	" Samuel C. Allen	"	14	"
	" Marcus Morton	"	64	"
	" Samuel Hoar	"	2	"

Lt. Governor

For Lt. Governor				
	His Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop	had	90	Votes
	Hon. Nathan Willis	"	62	"

Senators

For Senators				
	Hon John W. Lincoln	had	73	Votes
	" David Wilder	"	75	"
	" William S. Hastings	"	73	"
	Rufus Bulluck Esqr	"	77	"
	James Draper "	"	75	"
	Moses Thomas "	"	14	"
	Doct Daniel Thurber	"	59	"
	Jonas L. Sibley Esqr	"	60	"
	Col Isaac Davis	"	59	"
	Henry Prentifs	"	59	"
	Doct Josiah Howe	"	60	"
	Adolphus Spring Esqr	"	16	"
	Hon Stephen P. Gardiner	"	12	"
	" Stephen P. Goodhue	"	4	"
	" Joseph Davis	"	16	"
	Tyler Batcheller	"	16	"

Article 2 Voted and chose Nathaniel Wood Moderator

Article 3 The Selectmen then maid the following report of Roads laid out by them.

Selectmen's Report.

Report of Selectmen

W. Carlton & J. Sheldon's Road.

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town, two Town ways as follows: 1st Begining at a stake and stones on the southerly side of the road leading from Jonas Marshalls to Westminster at land of said Marshall thence (on land of said Marshall) south 66º West. 3 Rods and 21. Links; thence south 20º west 2 Rods & 14. Links to Land of Wm. Carlton and Josiah Sheldon: to be 2 Rods wide, and to lie on the Notherly side of said course.

The 2d

[20] Report Continued. Capt. Z. Sheldon's Road.

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The 2d Town way is as follows: Beginning at a Post in the fence on the Notherly Side of the road leading from Oliver Fox house to the First Parish Meeting-house at land of said Fox thence (on land of Said Fox) North 4º East 36½ Rods = thence North 40½º West 33½ Rods to land of Zachariah Sheldon, thence North (on land of said Sheldon) 60º West 30. Rods: thence North 81º west 6 Rods and 10 Links: thence South 71½º west 31 Rods 7. Links until it intersects the Road aforesaid: To be 2½ Rods wide and to lie on the East & Notherly side of said course: —And we have appraised the damages to the owners of the land over which said Road pafses as follows:— To Oliver Fox $80 to be paid by the said Town of Fitchburg before said road is opened: and the said Zachariah Sheldon released all the damages for laying said Road through his land: also the said Marshall releases all damages for laying the first mentioned Road through his land, provided the Town will build the said road as specified by him to the Selectmen. Which said Roads are hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded are forever after to be known as public Town ways.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Levi Pratt | Selectmen
Manafseh Sawyer | of
Abel Thurston | Fitchburg.

Fitchburg April 4th 1831.

W. Carlton's & J. Sheldon's Road Accepted

Voted to accept the first discribed Road as laid out by the Selectmen provided it shall be built free from any expense of the Town Wm. Carlton & Josiah Sheldon agree to build said Road free from expense to the town and as required by Mr Marshall.

Z. Sheldons Road Accepted in part

Voted to accept the last discribed Road as laid out by the Selectmen after it leaves the land of Oliver Fox provided it be built free from expense to the Town. Capt Z. Sheldon agrees to build the road as accepted by the Town to the acceptance of the Selectmen.

Voted to pospone the remander of said Road indefinately.

Article 4. Schools.

Voted to choose a committee composed of one from each District to examine into the evils of our schools and point out remedies—and report at the May Meeting.

Voted and chose the following committee

Committee

Districts	No 1.	E. Torrey
"	" 2	Capt Joshua Goodridge
"	" 3	John Whitcomb
"	" 4	Wm. Woodbury
"	" 5	Levi Downe
"	" 6	Ivers Phillips
District	No 7	Payson Williams
"	" 8	Charles P. Dean
"	" 9	Abel Farwell
"	" 10	Isaiah Putnam
"	" 11	Jeremiah Kinsman Jr
"	" 12	Oliver Everett Committee

Voted to Dissolve the meeting for town businefs.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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April 30.

Officers Appointed By the Selectmen.

We the Subscribers have appointed the following persons as Town Officers

Horrace Newton Sealer of Weights & Measures.

s John Caldwell
John Thurston } Measures of Wood & Bark
Alpheus Kimball
s Hollis Hartshorn

Levi Pratt
Abel Thurston } Selectmen of Fitchburg.

Oaths.

May 2, 1831. Personally appeared John Caldwell & Hollis Hartshorn and took the oath Required of a Measurer of Wood & Bark.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Warrant for May Meeting 1831.

Warrant} Worcester fs. To Either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

Seal
Seal
Seal

In the name of the commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the First Parish Meeting-house in Fitchburg on Wednesday the Eleventh day of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1. To determine the number of Representitives said Town will choose for the present year.

Article 2. To choose one or more Representitives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

Article 3. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting for the transaction of Town businefs.

Article 4. To give in their Votes by Ballot for or against a proposed Article of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, agreeably to a Resolve of the Legislator pafsed the seventh day of March last.

Article 5. To see if the Town will allow any person or persons to build tombs in their burying ground or act anything thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will discontinue the old Road begining at the south end of the New Road lately

built by Amos Lawrence and running to Ashby line or act any thing thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Selectmen to contract with Gen. I. Jewett to build a bank sufficiently high on the side of his pond so as to prevent the water from injuring the road near Kimball and Tuttles in future or act any thing thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will pay all damage done to Either of the Parish Bells in consequence of ringing them for town purposes.

And you are directed to searve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

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[22] Warrant for May Meeting Continued

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May Warrant Continued

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Levi Pratt
Manasseh Sawyer } Selectmen of
Abel Thurston } Fitchburg.

Return. Worcester fs. April 26. 1831. I hereby certify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within named.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.
J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

May Meeting 11. Day A.D. 1831. Persuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled at the first Parish Meeting-house on Wednesday the Eleventh day of May A.D. 1831. The meeting was opened by reading the warrant.

Article 1. Voted to choose two Representitives for the present year.

. 2. Votes were given in by the Inhabitants qualified to vote in Elections which were counted by the Selectmen according to Law and reported as follows—

1st Representitive Capt Zach. Sheldon

For 1st Representitive	Capt Zachariah Sheldon and was chosen	had 107.	Votes
	Isaiah Putnam	had 44.	"
	Payson Williams Esqr	had 17.	"

2d Representitive Isaiah Putnam

2d Ballott For 2d Representitive	Isaiah Putnam and was chosen	had 122.	Votes
	Ebenezer Torrey Esq.	" 19.	"
	Payson Williams Esqr	" 11.	"

. 3. Voted and chose Ebenezer Torrey Esqr Moderator.

. 4. Voted to omit the consideration of the 4. Article for the present.

. 5. Tombs Liberty to Build. Voted that any person wishing to build Tombs in our Burying ground may do so under the direction of the Selectmen.

. 6. Road Discontinued Voted to discontinue the Road described in the 6 Article of the Warrant.

. 7. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to make such contract with General Ivers Jewett as they may think for the interest of the Town.

. 8. Voted to pafs over the 8. Article of the Warrant.

Committee's Report on Schools The Committee chosen at the last Town meeting April 4 under Article 4 of the April Warrant to Examine into the Evils of our public schools then made their report—Which was accepted very unanimously

Voted that 450. Copies of the above Report be printed and distributed one to each family throughout the Town

. 4. Amendment to Constitution. The Inhabitants then gave in their votes by Ballot upon the proposed Article of amendment to the constitution of the Commonwealth which were Received, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made by the Selectmen which were as follows For the amendment 95. Votes, against it 4. Votes. Voted to Dissolve J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[23] Records. 1831.
Novm 14.

Warrant for Town Meeting Novm 14. 1831.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting.

Seal. Seal. Seal.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the second parish meeting house in said town on Monday the fourteenth day of November next at nine of the clock in the fore noon being the second Monday of said month.

Article 1st. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Governor Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five counsellors and Senators on one ballot for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing.

. 2d To determine the number of Representitives said Town will choose for the present year.

. 3d To choose one or more Representitives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next.

. 4th. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting for the transaction of Town Affairs.

. 5th To see if the Town will alter, repair or rebuild the Bridge near Elijah Burbanks Paper-Mill or act any thing thereon.

. 6th To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as made out by their Selectmen.

. 7th To see if the Town will accept of any Road or Rods as laid out by their Selectmen or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to scarve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this 27th day of

October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one.

Levi Pratt
Manafseh Sawyer } Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Abel Thurston

Worcester fs I hereby certify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.

Fitchburg Octo. 27th 1831.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.
J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[24] Records. 1831.

Town Meeting Novm. 14.

Town Meeting Novm 14. 1831.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled at the second Parish meeting-house as directed in said Warrant on Monday November 14. 1831.

The meeting was opened by reading the Warrant and the List of Voters.

The Inhabitants who were Legal Voters in Elections then brought in their Votes to the Select-men as directed in Article 1st which were sorted, counted and declared as the Law directs and were as follows viz.

For Governor

Governor. His Excellency Levi Lincoln had Ninty three Votes = 93.

Hon. Samuel Lathrop " Seventy five " = 75.

Hon. Marcus Morton " Seven " = 7.

For Lt. Governor

Lt. Governor. His Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop had One hundred Sixty [Seven " 167.

John Mills " Seven " 7.

For Senators

Senators Hon. John W. Lincoln had Ninty Seven Votes = 97.

" David Wilder " Ninty Eight "
= 98.
" William S. Hastings " Ninty Seven "
= 97.
" Rufus Bullock " One hundred & fifty "
= 150.
" James Draper " Ninty Seven "
= 97.
Ebenezer Torrey Esqr " Fifteen "
= 15.
" Stephen P. Gardner " Seventy three "
= 73.
Pliny Mirick Esqr " Seventy six "
= 76.
Tyler Batcheller " Seventy Six "
= 76.
Asaph Rice " Seventy five "
= 75.
Doct. Josiah Howe " One "
= 1.

Adjourned 12 O'clock Voted to adjourn for one hour.
1 O'clock meeting opened.

Article 2. Voted to choose two Representitives for the year ensuing on seperate tickets.

" 3. Votes were given in Sorted, counted and declared as follows viz

First Representitive For First Representitive
Zachariah Sheldon had 115. Votes Chosen
Isaiah Putnam " 64. "
Ebenezer Torrey Esqr " 1. "
Payson Williams " " 1. "

For Second Representitive
E. Torrey Esqr had 92. Votes
I. Putnam " 90. "
P. Williams Esqr " 3. "
Abel Thurston " 2. " No Choise.

Second Repres Second Ballott
Ebenezer Torrey Esqr " 113. Votes. Chosen.
Isaiah Putnam " 92. "
Abel Thurston " 3. "
Payson Williams Esqr " 2. "

Article 4. Voted and chose Nathaniel Wood Esqr Moderator.

" 5. Voted that the Subject of the 5 Article be refered to the Bridge committee to board up the sides raise the top and make such other repairs they may think proper.

" 6. Voted to accept the list of Jurors as mad out by the Select-men.

" 7. Voted to pafs over the seventh Article.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[25] 1832.. Warrant for Town Meeting March 5, 1832.

Fitchburg March 1832..

Seal.. Seal.. Seal..

Worcester fs.. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester Greeting..

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the first Parish Meeting-house on Monday the fifth day of March next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1st.. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing..

" 2d.. To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer collector agreable to an act pafsed in the year 1816 or act any thing respecting choosing a collector they may deem proper.

" 3d.. To hear the report of the Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Afsefsors for the year 1831.

" 4.. To See if the Town will choose a committee to Settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Afsessors for the year 1832.

" 5.. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their High-ways and Bridges the ensuing year or act anything with regard to the method of appropriating and laying out said sums of money they may deem proper.

" 6.. To See what sum or Sums of money the Town

will raise to support their Schools the year ensuing or auct anything with respect to laying out Said money they may think proper..

" 7.. To See what Sum or Sums of money the town will raise to defray the necefsary Town charges the year ensuing or act anything thereon..

" 8.. To See if the Town will choose a committee to afsertain the expences of the work-house and its inmates for the year past and also for the year ensuing.

" 9.. To hear the report of the Committee for examining Schooles the year past.

" 10.. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to keep in repair their Bridges the year ensuing..

" 11. To see what method the town will take to rebuild the Bridge near Capt Sheldons Shop or act anything thereon..

" 12.. To see if the Town will give liberty to Hollis Hartshorn to take water by an Aqueduct from their farm or act anything thereon..

" 13.. To see if the Town will set off Joseph Upton from School District No 4. and annex him to District No 5..

" 14.. To see if the Town will relinquish the interest on a note given by Joseph Downe respecting the Lunenburg road..

" 15.. To see if the Town will make any provision for ringing either of the Parish Bells the year ensuing or act anything thereon.

[26] 1832 Warrant Cont. March Meeting Article 16..

Warrant Continued March 1832

To See if the Town will restrain Horses, neat cattle and Swine from running at large within the limits of the Town the year ensuing

" 17.. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town the year Ensuing..

" 18.. To see if the Town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person for one or more years to take charge of the work-house and its inmates from the first of April next

" 19.. To see if the Town will District, the Town anew, into School Districts or act anything thereon they may deem proper..

" 20.. To see if the Town will procure a new Hearse or act anything thereon

And you are directed to searve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and Seals this thirteenth Day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty two..

Levi Pratt
Manafseh Sawyer } Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abel Thurston

Worcester fs February 18th 1832. I hereby certify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the Warrant.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.
J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

1832 March 5

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants afsembled at the First Parish Meeting-house and Monday March 5. 1832 at Nine O'Clock A. M. The meeting was opened by reading the Warrant and choosing Nathaniel Wood Esqr Moderator.

Moderator

Articles. 1. Chose Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk. s. (Sworn)

" 2. The Town then took up the 2 Article of the Warrant and voted to choose the Treasurer Collector.

Collector & Treasurer

" 1. Chose David Boutelle Treasurer. s.

Committee on Taxes &c

Voted to choose a committee of three to fix the compensation for prompt payment of taxes and also to fix the compensation of the Treasurer for his services.

Chose Joseph Downe Joseph Simonds, & Jonas Marshall the above committee.

[27] Records of March Meeting Continued

March 5. 1832 Report of Committee on Taxes, Treasurers Compensation &c

Discount on Taxes.

The Committee chosen to report upon the compensation of the Treasurer for his collection of Taxes and also to fix the discount on taxes for the prompt payment of the Same, Report as follows That the Treasurer for his Services shall have 1.¼ Per cent on the tax bill of this year. That those who pay their Taxes within thirty days from the time of the Tax Bill being committed to the Treasurer Shall be entitled to a discount of 6 Pr Cent. Those who pay in Sixty days 4 Pr Cent in 120. days 2 Pr. Cent

Joseph Down Pr Order

Selectmen

Chos Manafseh Sawyer s Abel Thurston s. Cyrus Thurston s Selectmen.

Assessors.

Chose Manafseh Sawyer s. Abel Thurston s. Cyrus Thurston s Assefsors.

Overseers of Poor

Chose Jonas Marshall s David Boutell s. Isaiah Putnam s. Overseers of the Poor.

Bondsmen

Voted to accept Benjamin Snow and Isaiah Putnam as Bondsmen for David Boutell as Treasurer.

Highway Surveyors

Alonzo P. Goodridge s. Nathan Tolman s. Charles W. Wilder (s April 27.) Joseph Boynton Aaron Wheeler s. Samuel Carter s. Lorin Wheeler s. Amos Lawrence Jr Jeremiah Lowe, Abel Farwell. s George Rockwood, William Woodbury s & Levi Pratt s Joseph Marshall (s March 8) Warren Chase, Jacob Stickney Silas Lawrence James Mc.Intire s Silas W. Hutchinson s. William Woodbury Jr s (March 8.) Jabez Flint s. (March 12.) David Lowe s. = Highway Surveyors.

Adjournment

Voted to adjourn for one hour.

Met one hour after adjournment.

Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Chose Joseph F. Hovey s. Jeremiah Kinsman Jr s. Cullers of Hoops & Staves.

Fence Viewers

Chose Daniel Lowe s. Joseph Upton s. Benjamin Wheeler s. Samuel A. Wheeler s Fence Viewers.

Surveyors of Lumber

Abijah Hartwell s. John Prichard s. Joseph Townshend s. Wm. Carlton, Zachariah Sheldon, Surveyors of Lumber.

Field Drivers

Nathan Hartwell s. Horrace P. Mefsenger s. Daniel Works, Wm Woodbury. Field Drivers.

Pound Keeper

Joseph F. Hovey s. Pound Keeper.

Fire Wards

Ivers Jewett, Alpheus Kimball, Clemant Jewett, Nathaniel Wood, John Prichard, Jonas A. Marshall, Ebenezer Torrey, David Boutelle, Fire Wards.

Hog Reeves

Chose Abel F. Adams, Charles B. Sawyer s. Chipman Whelden, Benaiah Cook, George W. Damon, John M. Hall, Asa Partridge, William Lane, Roswell Graham, Aaron Wheeler, Jefse Spalding, Elisha Withington, David Daniels, s. William Dickinson, Timothy W. Kinsman, Abel Eaton, Capt Robert Sampson J. E. Whitcomb Gillman Finno, Salmon Whitcomb, Hog Reeves.

Tythingmen

Chose Elisha Carter, James Harris, Samuel Phelps, Olover Fullum, Tything-men.

Voted to choose 2 Constables for the year Ensuing.

Constables

Chose Alpheus Kimball s. Samuel Davis s. Constables

Article 3

The committee chosen to setle with the Treasurer the past year made their Report which was accepted and is recorded on next Page.

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Records of March Meeting Continued 1832.

1832. March 5. Report of the Comittee on the Treasury. 1832.

Fitchburg March 2. 1832. The Subscribers, a committee chosen by the Town to settle with their Treasurer, and to inspect the accounts of the Selectmen, Assefsors, and Overseers of the Poor—offer the following report, Viz.

The Treasurer——————————Dr

To ballance due from him to the Town on last Settlement	$533.97
" payment by Deac. Abel Downe in full of 1829. Collection	89.00
" payments by Benj^a Snow on 1830 tax Bill	2463.00
" payments by Manafseh Sawyer on 1831 tax Bill	2337.00

" Cash from the County Treasurer towards the expence of making a road to Lunenburg	300.00
" Cash paid in by the Overfeers of the Poor being proceeds of sales of stock and provisions sold from the Towns farm—boarding School miftrefs—and providing for Fenando Worcester a pauper of the Town of Sandwich .	262.08
" Interest reed. on Towns money loaned	9.39
	$5994.44

Treasurer Cr

By payment of orders Drawn on him by the Selectmen	2769.74
" paying annual Interest on Town Notes viz.	
To Moses Hale 60. Joshua Goodridge & Children 45.65 Caleb Perry 120. Francis Perkins 30. Hannah Bradford 180.	435.65
" paying Town notes viz. To Calvin Willard 527.17 Sally Fuller 139.84. Caleb Perry 578.81. Esqr Lawrence 848. Francis Perkins Esqr 515.58	2609.40
" Interest paid on short loans	7.76
" his services as Treasurer the year past —including time spent taking up town notes, and providing and paying short loans	18.00
	$5840.55

Leaving a ballance in the Treasurers hands of	153.89
Due the town from Benjª Snow on 1830 Tax Bill	192.47
Due from Manafseh Sawyer on 1831. Tax Bill	2359.26
	$2705.62

Due from the Town to the following named persons being the principals of their

several Notes—viz To Caleb Perry 2000. To Moses Hale 1000. Hannah Bradford 3000. Joshua Goodridge and children 760.80 Total	6760.80
Interest due on the above discribed notes on the 1st of April next	299.00
Due the Selectmen, Assefsors & Overseers of the Poor for services	69.02
Due the several School Districts	376.09
Due Charles Beckworth as Overseer of the towns farm and for services of his sons	90.00
Due for outstanding orders	32.96
	$7627.87
Leaving a ballance against the town of . .	4922.25

All which is refpectfully submited by

Jonas Marshall }
I. Jewett } Committee
Nathaniel Wood }

Joseph Simonds Treasurer

Copy Attst J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[29] Records March Meeting Continued 1832.

March 5. 1832 Article 4.. Voted to choose a committee to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the the accounts of the Assefsors for the year 1832.

Committee Chose Jonas Marshall, Ivers Jewett and Nathaniel Wood Committee.

" 5. $1200 High-ways &c Voted to raise 1200 Dollars for the support of high-ways and Bridges for the year ensuing and to allow the same as last year pr hour

" 9. Voted to take up the 9 article and hear the report of the School Committee which was read, and accepted, and put on file in the Town Clerks Office.

" 6. $1100 Schools Voted to raise 1100 Dollars for Schools the year ensuing and that the selectmen apportion the money as last year.

" 19. Voted to take up the 19. Article.

Districting. Voted to choose a committee of 12 One from

each School District on the subject of the 19 articl and that they report at the adjournment

Committee — Chose Jonas Marshall, Josiah Brown, Abram Orsborn, John Andrews, Payson Williams, Levi Farwell, Isaiah Putnam, Phillip F. Cowdin, Capt Joshua Goodridge, Samuel Sheldon, Joseph Downe, Olover Everett,

School-Committee — Voted to add one in District No. 1 Chose Capt Enoch Caldwell Committee

Voted and chose Revr. Calvin Lincoln, Olover Everett, Ebenezer Torrey, B. Cooke, Charles W. Wilder, J. A. Marshall, Ivers Phillips School Committee.

" 7. $2500 — Voted to raise 2500. Dollars for necessary town charges for the year ensuing.

" 8 Committee on Work house 1831. & 1832. — Voted to choose a committee to afsertain the expences of the work house and its inmates for the year past. Chose I. Jwett. I. Putnam A. Durant

Also the same committee were chosen for the year ensuing to report at March meeting 1833.

" 10. Committee on Bridges — Voted to choose a committee of 3 to keep in repairs their Bridges the the year ensuing. Chose Joseph Down, Barker Gibson and Levi Farwell Committee

" 11 Sheldons Bridge — Voted that the subject of the 11. Article be refered to the Bridge Committee above and that they report on the subject at the adjournment.

" 12 — Voted that the subject of the 12. Article be refered to the Overseers of Poor.

" 13 — Voted to pafs over the 13 Article.

" 14 — Voted that the Note which the Town holds against Joseph Down be given up.

" 15 $20. Ring Bell — Voted to appropriate 20. Dollars for ringing one of the Parish Bells for the year ensuing.

" 16 — Voted that Horses, Neat Cattle, and Swine be restrained from running at large the year ensuing.

" 17 — Voted that the Treasurer be Authorized to hire money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

" 18 Voted to Authorize the Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take the charge of the Town Farm for one or more years.

[30]1832 Records of March Meeting 1832.

March 5. Article 20 Voted that the subject of the 20. Article be refered to the Selectmen and also recommend that they procure a new Hearse Cloth

Adjournment. Voted to adjourn to three Weeks from this day at two O'clock in the afternoon.

Pursuant to adjournment the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled at the First Parish Meetinghouse on Monday March 26. 1832. at 2 O'clock P. M.

Article 8. Report on Work-house The committee chosen to examine into the expences of the Work-house and its inmates made their report which was accepted — they report that the amount of Property on hand April 1st 1831. was . . . . . $1740..76

Amount of Orders Interest on farm, Taxes &c for 1831.	662..35
	2403..11
Amount of property on hand March 23, 1832.	1822. 01
Expens for Supporting the Poor the year ending April 1st 1832.	$581. 10
Expenses for 1831.	582. 27

For further particulars see the Report of the Committee on file in this office.

" 11. Bridge by Capt Sheldons Shop. The Bridge Committee then made a verbal report on the subject of the Bridge near Capt Sheldons Shop.

Voted to build a Bridge in the old place near Capt. Sheldons Shop.

Voted to build the above bridge with a Stone pier in the center and that the causway be raised at the discresion of the building committee.

Voted to authorize the Bridge Committee to con-

struct said Bridge and that Josiah Sheldon, Francis Perkins Joseph Townshend and Capt Z Sheldon be added to the Bridge committee for the above purpose.

Voted that the committee rebuild the Bridge as soon as convenient

" 19. The committee on the subject of new Districting the town then made a verbal report — much talk was heard on the subject then Voted to pafs the Artiel over.

A. J. Towne who was chosen Highway Surveyor on the 5 of March declined Serving at this meeting and was excused and George Rockwood was chosen in his place and his name is entered in the list.

Voted that the Tax Bill be committed to the Treasurer on the first day of August.

" 13 Voted that Joseph Upton be not removed from District No 4. and added to No 5.—Meeting Dissolved.

Attst J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[31]1832.

Records Continued March 1832

Oaths. Town clerks

Worcefter fs March 5. 1832. This day personally appeared Jonas Augustus Marshall, and made oath that as clerk of the town of Fitchburg he would truly and faithfully record all votes pafsed in all town meetings during the year, and until another clerk should be chosen and sworn: and also faithfully and impartially discharged all the other duties of his Office.

Before me Ebenezer Torrey Justice of the Peace.

All Town officers who have the letter s after their names were qualified for their respective offices in Open Town meeting all others who have been qualified have in adition to the s the date following on which the oath was administered

Oficers Appointed By Selectmen

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg do hereby nominate and appoint Horrace Newton (in said Town) to be Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing

Given under our hands this 23d day of April 1832.

Manafseh Sawyer } Selectmen of
Abel Thurston } the Town of
Cyrus Thurston } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs April 30. 1832 Personally appeared Horrace Newton and took the Oath required for the Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Before me J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

August. 1832

Coppy of Town Warrant August 20 1832

Warrant. Seal Seal Seal

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of Fitchburg Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Second Parish Meetinghouse on Monday the 20th day of August at one O'Clock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles.

Article 1. To see if the Town will choose an Agent or Agents, to meet the County Commifsioners at H. Aldins Hotel and oppose the Location of a Road from Ashby to Fitchburg as prayed for by Abm. Edwards and others or act anything respecting said Road they deem proper.

" 2d. To see if the Town will choose a health committee or act any thing thereon.

over

[32]1832. Warrant for Town Meeting August 20. 1832 Continued

Article 3 To see if The Town will give Zachariah Sheldon permifsion to erect a Sign-Post on the common opposite Harvy Aldens Hotel with good and suitable Guide boards on the same or act anything thereon.

" 4. To see if the Town will accept any road or Roads as laid out by the Selectmen or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested Copies thereof at each of the public

Meeting-houses in said Town Eight days at least previous to the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Manafseh Sawyer } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Cyrus Thurston } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. August 11th 1832 I hereby certify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the Time, place and for the purposes within Mentioned Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting August 20, 1832

Records of Town Meeting August 20, 1832

Fitchburg August 20, 1832 The Inhabitants of the Town afsembled at the Second Parish Meeting-house persuant to the foregoing warrant. The meeting was opened by reading the warrant and choosing Clemant Jewett Esqr Moderator

Article 1. Road to Ashby. Opposed.

Voted to choose two persons as ageants for the Town to meet the County Commifsioners at H. Aldins Hotel and oppose the location of a Road from Ashby to Fitchburg as prayed for by Abrm Edwards and others

Ageants.

Chose Jonas Marshall and Nathaniel Wood Esqr for said Ageants.

" 2d

Voted to choose a Health Committee of five persons

Voted to choose a committee of three to select said committee. Chose S. Davis B. Snow and A. Crocker committee

[33] 1832

Town Meeting August 20. 1832.
Continued

Article 2 Health Committee.

The foreging Committee Reported the following persons as the health Committee viz Abial J. Towne,

Manafseh Sawyer, Horrace Newton Amos Durant and David Bontell which report was accepted

" 3 Voted that Capt Zachariah Sheldon have permiſsion to erect a Sign post on the Common under the direction of the Selectmen with regard to place, kind and stile of Post and guide boards all to be done to their satisfaction and it is expected to be ornimental to the common.

" 4 Roads Reported The Selectmen then made the following Report of Roads laid by them.

Report.

We the Subscribers, selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town the following Town ways:—1:st Beginning near James Parkhurst's House thence south 22½º West. 7 Rods and 22. Links thence South 29º West 2 Rods on land of said Parkhurst and 5 Rods on land of Joseph Richardson thence South 13º West 26. Rods to a pine Tree thence south 6º West 30 Rods (on land of said Richardson) thence south 24½º West 7½ Rods (on land of said Parkhurst.) thence continueing the same Course 32 Rods on land of said Richardson; thence South 14º West 22 Rods, thence south 7½ West 22 Rods on land of Said Richardson to the Billings Road so called said road is to be two Rods wide and to lie on the Easterly side of said course, and the said Parkhurst agrees to release all damages, to build said road free from any expense to the Town, and to pay all damages to said Richardson for the first mentioned course through his Land, and we have estimated the damages to said Richardson for the first course at $20. for the remainder of said course through his land at $100.—to be paid by said Town of Fitchburg before said road is Opened.

James Parkhurst's Road.

Damage $20. Paid By Parkhurst $100 Paid By Town Passed Over

The Town voted to pafs over the above road.

2d Road Called Hollis Hartshorns Road The Report Continues} 2d Road Beginning on the road leading from Wm Bemis' House to the arch Bridge near Hollis Hartshornes Factory on the Westerly side of said road Thence North 57º West on

land of Hollis Hartshorn & William Whitney 32½ Rods thence in the same course on land of the Heirs of Olover Fox 19½ Rods to the County road leading from Leominster to Fitchburg said road is to be 40 feet wide and to be on the Notherly side of said course, and the said Hartshorn and Whitney agree to release all damages and to build said Road free from any expense to the Town of Fitchburg also to pay all damages to the Heirs of said Fox.

Accepted

Voted to accept the above described road.

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[34] 1832.

Town Meeting August 20, 1832
Continued

Road Report Continued 3d. Road Called Sheldon & Carltons Road Accepted June 3d 1833. See Pag. 52.

Beginning on the new County Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham near Sheldon and Carltons dam at a Pitch-Pine Tree Thence North 80º East 29. Rods to a white-pine Tree,

Thence N. 9½º East 20 Rods to a White-Maple Tree
" N. 20½º " 12 " " " White-Oak "
" N. 32½º " 10 " " " Chesnut "
" N. 43º " 2½ " " " " "
" N. 56º " 13 " " Sheldon & Carltons [Corner
" N. 54½º " 14 " 17 Lings to an Oak [Stump
" N. 49º " 20 " to the Road leading by Sheldon and Carltons House to their Grist-mill, through land of Jonas Marshall Said Road is to be two rods wide and to lie on the Westerly side of said Course, and we have estimated the damages to said Marshall at $100. to be paid by the said Town of Fitchburg before said road is opened.

Damage $100.—

Refered to Committee

From some statements made in Town meeting with regard to this Road and also another communication with the Said Sheldon and Carltons Mill crofsing the river from Capt. L. Pratts Road so Called—it was voted to refer this subject to a committee of three who were to examine the two routs and report at the adjournment of this meeting

Chose Joseph Downe, Martin Newton and Joseph Richardson

4th Road Called Jonas Marshalls Road

Begining at a stone in the Wall on the Easterly side of the Road leading from Jonas Marshalls House to the Old County Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham thence N. 87º East 6 Rods on Land of Jonas Marshall to the county Road aforesaid, to be three Rods wide and to lie on the Notherly side of said Course and we estimate the damages to the said Marshall at $20—to be paid by the said Town of Fitchburg before said Road is opened, and we allowed the said Marshall Six Weeks to take off the Apple Trees thereon standing, which said Road togather with all the foregoing Roads are hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded are forever after to be known as public Town Ways

Damage $20.

Passed Over

Dated at Fitchburg this 20th day of August A.D. 1832

Manafseh Sawyer, Abel Thurston, Cyrus Thurston } Selectmen of Fitchburg

The Town voted to pafs over the last reported road

Adjourned

Voted that this meeting be adjourned two weeks to Monday the third day of September next at 2. O'clock P M.

At Adjournment. Sept 3. 1832.

Pursuant to adjournment the Inhabitants afsembled at the Second parish Meetinghouse the meeting was not opened at the hour there not being enough of the Inhabitants present to do businefs

[35] 1832. Town Meeting August 20 Adjournment September 3.

Sept 3. Report of Comm

The committee chosen August 20 to Examine a communication to Sheldon & Carltons Mills made a verbal Report that they had examined a rout for a Road from the county road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham commencing somewhere nearly oposite Captain Levi Pratts Road so called crofsing the river direct to said Mills—furthermore the clerk knows of

Sheldon & Carltons Road Town to Pay $135.

nothing concerning said committees Report which can be subject of record except after certain conversation on the matter it was voted that the Town pay one hundred and thirty five Dollars for for the purpose of building a road, Bridge and paying damage on the same from the county Road leading to Ashburnham to Sheldon & Carltons Mills aforesaid provided the same shall be completed within one year to the acceptance of the Selectmen.

Vote Reconcided James Parkhursts Road.

Voted to reconcider the vote past August 20. 1832 to pafs over the Report of the Selectmen laying out a Road from James Parkhursts to Joseph Richardsons.

Accepted

Voted to accept the Road first discribed in the Selectmens Report made August 20. 1832 from James Parkhursts to Joseph Richardsons according to the conditions of said Report.

Adjourned

Voted to adjourn. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant September 3. 1832.

Seal Seal

Worcester fs—To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester—Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Second Parish Meeting-house on Monday the 3d day of September next at three o'clock P. M. then and their to act on the following article

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to Secure for the maintainance of Wm. Bolton whatever property the said Bolton is Supposed to own & to institute or defend such suit at Law as may be deemed necessary to recover & secure the same.

And you are directed to searve this Warrent by posting attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said Town eight days before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrent with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid. Given

under our hands and seals this 27th day of August in the year of Our Lord one thousand

[36]1832. Warrant for Town Meeting September 3. 1832.

September 3. Warrant. eight hundred and thirty-two.

Manafseh Sawyer } Selectmen of
Cyrus Thurston } Fitchburg

Worcester fs—August 27. 1832 I have Served this warrant as within directed

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.
J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting September 3, 1832 Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg met at the Second Parish meeting-house the meeting was opened by reading the Warrant and choosing Clemant Jewett Esqr moderator

Wm Boltons Property Voted to authorise the Selectmen to secure for the maintainance of Wm. Bolton Whatever property the said Bolton is supposed to own and to institute or defend such suit at Law as may be deemed necessary to recover and secure the same.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Warrant November 12. 1832. Worcester fs. —— To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester—

Greeting—

In the name of the commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the first Parish Meeting-house on Monday the twelveth day of November next, at one O'clock in the after-noon, being the 2d Monday of said Month.

Article 1st. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for six counselors & senators, on one ballot, for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing.

" 2d To determine the number of Representitives said Town will choose for the present year.

" 3d. To choose one or more Representitives to Represent them in the general Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

" 4th. To bring in their votes to the selectmen for fourteen Electors of President and Vice President which this commonwealth are entitled according to the constitution of the United States.

" 5th To choose a moderator to govern said meeting for the transacton of Town affairs.

" 6th. To see if the town will make any alteration in the Road, and erect Posts for the convenience of tying Horses, in front of their new burying-ground or act any thing thereon they deem proper.

[37]1832.. November 12. 1832..

November 12 Warrant cont. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this 23d day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Manafseh Sawyer } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Cyrus Thurston } Fitchburg

Worcester fs October 27. 1832 I hereby certify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to afsemble at the time and place and for the purposes within named.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg
Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town-Meeting Novm. 12. 1832. Fitchburg November 12. 1832 At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of this Town this day holden at the First Parish Meeting-house Pursuant to the

above Warrant Votes were given in Sorted Counted and decleration thereof made as the Law directs and were as follows Viz.

Governor — For Governor His Exl Levi Lincoln had 124 Votes
Hon Marcus Morton " 27 "
" Samuel Lathrop " 49 "

Lt. Governor — For Lieutenant Governor
Samuel F. Armstrong had 125 Votes
John Mills " 25 "
Timothy Fuller " 50 "

Senators — For Senators

David Wilder	had	124
William S. Hastings	"	125
Samuel Mixter	"	126
Ira Barton	"	126
Charles Hudson	"	124
Samuel Lee	"	126
Daniel Thurber	"	21
Henry Prentifs	"	21
Jonas L. Sibley	"	21
Isaac Davis	"	21
John Brown	"	21
Moses Wood	"	21
Stephen P. Gardner	"	49
Austin Flint	"	49
Abiel Jacques	"	49
Tyler Batcheller	"	49
Thomas Chamberlain	"	49
Theodore James	"	49

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Article 4 — Voted to take up the 4 Article. Votes were as follows

Electors of President &c — For Electors of President And Vice President
At Large Charles Jackson of Boston had 111. Votes
Suffolk Thomas H. Perkins of Boston " 111. "
Essex South Gideon Barstow of Salem " 111. "
" North Ebenezer Moseley of Newbury Port " 111 "
Middlesex Nathan Brooks of Concord " 111 "

Worcester South	Aaron Tufts of Dudley	"	111.	"
" North	Samuel Lee of Barre	"	111	"
Franklin	Ebenezer Mattoon of Amherst	"	111	"
Hampden	James Byers of Springfield	"	111	"
Berkshire	Henry Shaw of Lanesborough	"	111	"
Norfolk	James Richardson of Dedham	"	111	"
Plymouth	Jotham Lincoln of Hingham	"	111	"
Bristol	Cornelius Grinnell of N. Bedford	"	111	"
Barnstable	Nymphas Marston of Barnstable	"	111	"

At Large	Nathan Willis	had	22.	Votes
	Charles Hood	"	22	"
	Eliphalet Case	"	22	"
	Ebenezer Seaver	"	22	"
	Peter H Peirce	"	22	"
	William W. Thomson	"	22	"
	Richard Olney	"	22	"
	Charles Sibley	"	22	"
	Amos Noyes	"	22	"
	John Moriarty	"	22	"
	Phineas Allen	"	22	"
	John M. Williams	"	22	"
	Perley Barton	"	22	"
	Samuel Stimson	"	22	"
At Large	John D. Williams	"	65	"
	Jacob Hall	"	65	"
	John Bailey	"	65	"
	Joseph Ricketson	"	65	"
	William B. Breed	"	65	"
	Thomas Payson	"	65	"
	Benjamin Wyman	"	65	"
	John Chaffee	"	65	"
	Asa Stebbins	"	65	"
	Benjamin Hallett	"	65	"
	Zachariah Eddy	"	65	"
	Pliny Mirick	"	65	"
	Stephen P. Gardner	"	65	"
	James W. Robins	"	65	"

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Article 2 Voted to send two Representitives and that they be voted for on seperate Tickets. the Votes given in were as follows viz

" 3 Representitives For first Representitive

David Boutelle	had	104.	Votes	Chosen
Abial J. Towne	"	53	"	
Levi Farwell	"	20	"	

For Second Do

Abial J. Towne	"	126	"	Chosen
Levi Farwell	"	18	"	
Capt Joshua Goodridge	"	2	"	

Voted to add one more and the votes were as follows

For third Do

Levi Farwell	"	102	"	Chosen
Abel Thurston	"	93	"	
Francis Perkins	"	2	"	
Amos Durant	"	1	"	

Article 5 Voted and chose Abel Thurston Moderator

" 6 Voted that the subject of the 6 Article in the Warrant be refered to the Bridge committee.

Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Wrrant For Town Meeting March 4. 1833.

1833.. Warrant. March 4. Worcester ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester.

Seal. Seal. Seal. Greeting—

In the name of the commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the 2d Parish meeting-house in said Town on Monday the 4th day of March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles Viz.

Article 1st To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

" 2 To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer Collector agreeable to the method adopted last year

or act anything respecting choosing a collector they deem proper

" 3 To hear the report of their committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Afsessors for the year past.

" 4 To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Afsessors for the year 1833.

" 5 To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to afsertain the expences of the Work-house for the year past.

" 6 To see if the Town will choose a Committee to afsertain the expences of supporting their Poor for the year ensuing.

[40] 1833. Warrant. Continued March 4. 1833.

Article 7 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their Highways and Bridges the ensuing year or act anything with regard to the method of appropriating and laying out said sums of money they deem proper.

" 8 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing or act anything with respect to laying out said money they think proper.

" 9 To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town Charges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon

" 10 To see if the Town will make any appropriation for repairing the turnpike Road (so called) through the South part of this Town or act anything respecting said Road they may deem proper.

" 11 To hear the Report of their School Committee chosen last March for the examination of Schools and Teachers &c

" 12 To see if the Town will choose a committee to keep in repair their Bridges the year ensuing

" 13 To see if the Town will make any appropriation for ringing either of the Parish Bells the year ensuing or act any thing thereon

" 14 To see if the Town will sell or give School District No 2 Land sufficient to erect a School House & for the conveniences thereof or act any thing thereon.

" 15 To see if the Town will sell their Poor Farm and purchase a smaller one, or make any different arrangements for supporting their Poor than is now in operation or act anything thereon they may deem proper

" 16 To see if the Town will accept of any Roads as laid out by their Selectmen or act any thing thereon.

" 17 To see if the Town will restrain Horses, Neat-Cattle and swine from running at large within the limits of the Town the year ensuing.

" 18 To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town the year ensuing

" 19 To see if the Town will purchase scrapers to repair their Highways for the several Highway Districts in Town or act any thing thereon

" 20 To see if the Town will allow Solomon C. Pratt to take Water from their Farm by an Aqueduct or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the publick

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Warrant. Continued

meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty three.

Manafseh Sawyer } Selectmen of
Abel Thurston } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. I hereby certify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to afsemble at the

Time and place and for the purposes within mentioned.
Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg
Fitchburg February 16th 1833
J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 4. 1833

March 4. 1833 Proceedings under the above Article.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled at the second Parish meetinghouse in said Town. The meeting being opened by reading the warrant

Article 1. Moderator

Mr Isaiah Putnam was chosen Moderator. Prayer was then Offered by the Rev Mr J. A. Albro..

Town Clerk

Chose s Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Treasurer

Chose s David Boutelle Treasurer.

Article 2. & Collector

Voted to choose the Treasurer Collector.

Chose David Boutelle Collector.

Discount

Voted to adopt the same system as last year with respect to Treasurer's compensation for his services as Treasurer & Collector and also as to discount for prompt payment.

Selectmen & Assessors

Chose s Abel Thurston
s Cyrus Thurston } Selectmen
s Enoch Caldwell

Chose s Abel Thurston
s Cyrus Thurston } Assefsors
s Enoch Caldwell

Overseers of Poor.

Chose s Jonas Marshall
s David Boutelle } Overseers of Poor.
s Manafseh Sawyer

High way Surveyors

Chose s William Bemis — s Samuel Davis
s Benjamin Snow — s Alpheus Boutelle
Abel Eaton — William Downe
s Avory Stockwell — s Samuel Hale
Benjamin Barrett — s William Killburn
Payson Williams — M 11 — s Lowell Sibley
Arrington Gibson — 2d — Thomas Harris
s David Baldwin — May 15. — s Barker Gibson
s Stephen Caswell — Jonathan Page
Aaron Derby Jr — Mh 5. — s James Hartwell
Levi Farwell — William Carter
Highway Surveyors

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Cullers of Hoops & Staves. Chose Joseph F. Hovey, March 6 s Jefse Spaldwin } Cullers of Hoops & Staves

Fence Viewers Chose s Daniel Lowe s Samuel Shattuck } Fence Viewers
s Levi Pratt s Abel Bruce

Surveyors of Lumber Chose s Benjamin Safford s William Carlton }
s John Prichard s Abijah Hartwell }
s Joseph Townshend }
Surveyors of Lumber

Field Drivers Chose Jonathan Page }
s George W. Davis } Field Drivers.
Samuel Hale }
s Phineas Sawyer }

Pound Keeper Chose Joseph F. Hovey Pound Keeper

Hog Reeves. Chose Ebenezer Torrey Esqr Arthur Forrester
Benjamin Safford Elijah S. Carter
Jeremiah Kinsman Jr Abraham Osborne 2d
David Battles Charles O. Mefsenger
Lorenzo Turner William Woodbury Jr
Jonathan Farnsworth Jr Charles Kinsman
Nathan A. Tufts. s George W. Davis
Nathaniel S Young Dennis Hartshorn
Calvin Darling John Start
Joseph Farwell George P. Warren
Benjamin Pillsbury Joseph C. Gardner
Charles Farwell Charles Howe
Luke Julian Henry Battles.
Nath[l] Shute
Hog Reeves

Tything men Chose James Hartwell Benjamin Hartwell
Flint Sheldon Elijah Felt
Tything Men

Constables Chose Alpheus Kimball & March 5 s Samuel Houghton Constables

Fire Wards Chose John Thurston, George Rockwood, J. A. Marshall Nathaniel Wood Z. Sheldon Benjamin Snow Martin Newton Alpheus Kimball Fire Wards

Article 3 The committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer and inspect to accounts of the Selectmen then made the following Report which was accepted.

Committee on Treasury and Selectmens Accounts Report.

David Boutelle Town Treasurer in Account with the Inhabitants of Fitchburg 1st March 1833.

Dr 1832

March 13.

To cash recd of Joseph Simonds former Treasr				153.89
" " paid by Manafseh Sawyer on 1831. tax Bill				2115.54
" " " by Benjamin Snow on 1830 tax Bill				130.—
" " " The Treasr & Collr on 1832 Tax Bill in Aug. subject to 6 pr. ct. Dis	2241.23	134.47	2106.76	

See next Page.

[43] Report of Committee on Treasury &c

Report Cont.

To cash paid in September	146.63			
4 Pr. ct. Dis.	5.86	140.77	2425.61	
" In Oct. & Nov	181.71			
2 pr. ct. Dis.	3.63	178.08		2823.33
To cash paid after the expiration of time of Discr . . .			397.72	
" " " as interest on Money loand .				6.31
" " " by the Exs on O. Fox's Estate being the Town propotion of cash recd from the M. F. Insurance Co. on the expiration of the policy of insurance on Town Buildings				8.18
" " " by Manafseh Sawyer for old bridge Timber sold				13.86
" " Borrowed for the use of the town during the year				2109.73
				7360.84

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By payment of Orders drawn by the Selectmen	2514.90
" " " 1 Years interest on town	

	Note to Moses Hale . . .	60.—
" "	" Note & Interest to Joshua Goodridge pd	148.01
" "	" 1 Years Int. to Caleb Perry 120	620.—
" "	" in pt of principal to C. Perry 500	
" "	" Note & interest to Hannah Bradford	3181.—
" "	to the County Treasurer . . .	336.71
" "	" " Mutual F. insurance Co for insurance on town buildings	16.25
" His services as Treas & Collector 1¼ pr ct. on the Amt. recd 2823.33 is . . .		35.29
		6912.16

Leaving a ballance in the Treas. hands of .	448.68
Due from Benjamin Snow on 1830 Tax Bill	62.47
" " Manafseh Sawyer on 1831 " "	243.72
" " D. Boutelle on 1832 " "	1069.73
	1824.60

Due from the Town to the following persons being the principal of their several Notes To Caleb Perry $1500 Moses Hale 1000 Joshua Goodridge 579.93 Eunice Goodridge 148.12. Betsey Wood 40 Francis Perkins 200. Fitchburg Bank 1700. Joseph Richardson 100.	5268.05
Interest due on the above notes 1st March about	223 —
Due the Selectmen & Assefsors, for services the past year	67.70
" the several School Districts	557.08
" Nathan Ordway for 2 Mo. Services at the W. House	33.33
" On out Standing orders	6.18
	6155.34

Leaving a ballance against the Town of	4330.74.	
Ballance against the Town last year	4922.25	
Debt Reduced		591.51

All which is respectfully submitted
Fitchburg March 2d 1833.

Jonas Marshall } Committee
Nathaniel Wood }
J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Article 4. Committee to Settle with Treasurer &c 1833.

Voted to choose a committee of three to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen for 1833. Chose Jonas Marshall Nathaniel Wood & Benj Snow Com

" 5. Report of the Com on W. House

The committee chosen to afsertain the expences of the Work-house the year past then made their Report which was accepted The following is an abstract of their

Report.

Dr 1832 Poor Establishment

April 1.	Amount of Inventory	$1559.93
	Interest on farm	219 —
	Interest on Stock &c	39 —
	Taxes	50 —
	Due Physicians	30 —
	Due sundry Persons on a/c	31.64
	Sundry Orders for 1832	277.18
	Amount for Expences for the month of March	62 —
		2268.75

Exp of Poor for 1832 $420.88

Contra		Cr
1833. March	By Amount of Inventory	1818.56
	Payment of Outstanding debts for 1831. not Included in the settlement for 1832.	29.31
	Ballance of this a/c is	420.88

which is the amount for the support of the Poor for 1832.

All which is respectfully submitted—March 1. 1833.

Isaiah Putnam } Committee
Amos Durant }

Article 6 — Voted to choose a committee of three to asertain the Expences of the Work house for the ensuing year

Committee on Work House. 1833. — Chose Isaiah Putnam, Amos Durant & William Killburn Committee

Article 7. High & Bridges $1200 — Voted to Raise the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the repair of Highways and Bridges the year ensuing—and that the same be appropriated as last year

" 8 $1100. Schools — Voted to Raise Eleven hundred Dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year and that it be appropriated as last year

" 9. $3000. Town Charges — Voted to raise Three Thousand Dollars for necefsary Town Charges the ensuing year

" 10 Committee on Turnpike $100. — Voted to choose a committee to examine the Turn-Pike Road in the South part of the Town and report to the Town what is necefsary to be done to said road

Chose Joseph Downe, Jonas Marshall & Alpheus Boutelle Com.

Voted to appropriate one hundred dollars to be expended on the Turnpike by the above committee if they think proper

" 11 — Voted to pafs over the 11. Article

" 12 Bridge Com — Voted to choose a committe to keep in repair their Bridges the year ensuing. Chose Abel Thurston Cyrus Thurston & Enoch Caldwell said committee

" 13 $20. Ring Bell — Voted to appropriate twenty dollars for ringing one of the Parish Bells for town purposes the year ensuing.

" 14 — Voted to refer the subject of the 14 Article to the Overseers of the Poor. with directions to lease a spot to District No 1. if they think it for the interest of the town

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Article 15 Poor farm Committee on

Voted that the subject of the 15 Article be refered to a committee to examine into the expediency of selling the Poor Farm to see what said farm can be sold for—what any other farm can be bought for and to report at the next Town Meeting.

Chose Nathaniel Wood, Charles W. Wilder, William Killburn. Sd Committee

" 16

The Selectmen reported the following roads as laid out by them

Report.

Road By Burying-G.

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the Said Town, a Town way as follows: Begining on the west side of the Road leading from the Stone Mill (so called) to Oliver Everetts House at the corner of the land belonging to the Heirs of Amos Hodgman; then south 71º West thirty one rods (31 Rods) on land of said Heirs and said Everett thence south (on land of said Everett) South 62º West 12½ Rods to a white oak tree, thence South 58º West 17. rods to an Oak Tree nearly in a direct line of the East end of the burying-ground, thence South 79º West 15 Rods to an Oak-Tree nearly in a line with the West end of the Burying-ground, thence South 73½º West 20 Rods to land of Widow Davis thence South 78½º West 13 Rods to an Apple Tree thence South 67º West 15½ Rods to a pine Tree, thence South 78½º West 11. Rods to Chesnut Tree, thence South 68½º West 6 Rods to an Oak Tree, thence South 44º West 8. Rods through land of said Davis, Heirs of Jacob Upton and Daniel Tuttle to the road leading from the 2d Parish Meeting-house by Oliver Fullums, The Road in front of the burying-ground is to be in Width the whole distance from said line to the front of the Tomb, the remainder of said Road to be two Rods wide and to lie on the notherly side of said course, And we appraise to the owners of the Land

over which said way pafses no damages. Which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance: and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Burying-G. Road by Accepted

Dated at Fitchburg this 2d day of March A. D. 1833.

Manafseh Sawyer } Selectmen
Cyrus Thurston } of
Abel Thurston } Fitchburg

Voted to accept the above discribed Road

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1833 Roads.

The Second Road Reported By the Selectmen is the Same which is Recorded in this Book Page 34. called Sheldon & Carltons Road—leading from the Road to Ashburnham near Said Sheldon & Carltons Pond to the House of the Said Sheldon & Carlton—upon which the Town voted to refer the subject to a committee to examine the said rout and also another rout which has been heretofore mentioned crofsing the river from Sheldon & Carltons Mills to the road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham and report the probable expense of each rout at the next Town meeting.

Committee on Sheldon & Carlton Road.

Chose for said Committee — Francis Perkins.
William Carlton
Alver Crocker.

Article 17. Voted that Horses, Cattle & Swine be restrained from running at large the year ensuing

" 18 Voted to authorise the Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town the ensuing year

" 19 Voted to pafs over the 19. Article

" 20 Voted that the subject of the 20 Article be referred to the Overseers of the Poor

School Committee

Voted to choose a School Committee of three
Chose Revr Calvin Lincoln
" John A. Albro
" Appleton Morse School Committee
Mr Morse Declined by Letter April 1. 1833.

$50.— Voted to appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to

pay the School Committee for their Services the ensuing year

Adjourned

Adjourned J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Oaths

Worcester ſs March 4. 1833 This day personally appeared Jonas A. Marshall and made oath that as Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg he wood faithfully record all votes paſsed in all Town-Meetings during the year and until another Clerk shall be chosen and sworn: And also faithfully discharge all the other duties of his Office.

Before me Ebenezer Torrey Justice of the Peace

Copy Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

All persons elected to offices requiring an Oath who have the letter s prefixed to their names were qualified in open Town Meeting all who have been qualified since said meeting have the date preceeding the s on which they took the Oath of Office

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1833.
Warrant.
April 1st.
1833

Warrant for Town meeting April 1. 1833

.Seal.
.Seal.
.Seal.

Worcester ſs. To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester—

Greeting.

In the name of the commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote for Representitives in the general court of this commonwealth to meet at the first Parish meeting-house in Fitchburg on Monday the first day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon being the first monday of said month to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a representative of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States for district number five.

You are also required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg who are qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to aſsemble at the said first Parish Meeting-house at two o'clock P. M. on said first Monday of April next to act on the following articles viz

Article 1st To choose a Moderator

" 2d To hear the Reports of the several committees chosen at the last anual March meeting and act any thing thereon they deem proper

" 3d To see if the Town will accept of any roads laid out by the Selectmen

" 4 To see if the Town will give their Selectmen any directions respecting the acceptance of the road as laid out from Capt Sheldons Tavern by the Academy to land of the Heirs of Capt Fox or act any thing thereon they deem proper

" 5. To see if the Town will choose a committee to look out the best rout for a road from Fitchburg village to Ashby line or act anything thereon they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in sd Town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands and seals this twenty-seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty three.

Abel Thurston }
Cyrus Thurston } Selectmen of
Enoch Caldwell } Fitchburg

[48] 1833 Return

Warrant for Town Meeting April 1. 1833.

Worcester fs March 15th 1833. By virtue of this warrant I have notified & warned the within named Inhabitants to meet as within mentioned by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 1, 1833.

Persuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled at the

First Parish Meeting-house on the first day of April 1833 it being the first Monday of said month. the meeting was opened by reading the warrant The Inhabitants then gave in their votes to the Selectmen for Representitive to Congrefs for district Number five the votes given in were sorted counted and declaration thereof made as by law required and were for the following persons viz

Representitive to Congress.

Hon John Davis had Ninty nine Votes
John Spurr had Sixty eight "

Article 1.

The meeting for Town businefs was opened by the choise of Ebenezer Torrey Esqr Moderator

" 2d Report on Turnpike.

The committee chosen at March meeting to examine the Turnpike road in the South part of the Town reported verbly as follows that they had examined said road had found it in traveling order. that the Bridge by Osborns Mills on said road wood need rebuilding soon.

Committee on Poor Farm Report.

The committee chosen at March Meeting on the subject of selling the Poor Farm then mad the folowing Report. "your committee chosen at the last March meeting "to examine into the subject of selling the Poor Farm, To see what the farm can be sold for—what any other farm can be bought for & to report at the next town meeting" Have in a degree attended to the subject & now as leave to report—That in consequence of the short period of time allowed them—the unfavorable season of the year—and the sicknefs of one of their number they have not been able to examine the subject so fully as they at first intended—They have personally inspected the Poor Establishment its buildings &c.

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And find them in better repair then was anticipated—no repairs of consequence will be required for several years The home farm concists of about 150 acres of good land, well fenced and under a good state of cultivation The 50 acres of woodland belonging to the farm and Situated upon Wanoosnuck hill—they did not examine. Your committee are of

opinion that this farm is too large & too valuable to be occupied for the purposes for which it is at present—Because under the existing Pauper Laws of the commonwealth, this town cannot reasonably expect to find among its male paupers many capable of performing much labor—the consequence is, that labor must be hired or a large proportion of this valuable farm lies fallow they are therefore of opinion that neither of these alternatives ought to be pursued for any great length of time by the town; but that when the most Suitable season arrives they recommend to dispose of it & to purchase one of about half its value. Such a farm your committee believe can be procured answering every purpose of comfort and convenience to our poor & profit to the town. But when the location of the present farm is taken into consideration its situation near a new manufacturing establishment, possefsing water power much greater than needed for the present machinery—all which will undoubtedly be taken up in a short time—resulting in a flourishing village in that vicinity—Your committee are confident that the sale of this farm ought not to be hastily forced. They have not, however, been able to ascertain the probable price which could now be obtained for it—nor have they had sufficient opportunity to examine such farms as have been offered so far as to justify a report in favour of any particular one. All which is respectfully submitted by. { Nath[l] Wood
{ William Kilburn

Voted to accept the above report

The committee recommended that an agent be chosen to carry into effect the above report by reporting to the Town when the favorable time for disposing of the farm arrives to whom reference can be had by by all who wish to buy or sell. which was agreed too

Voted and chose Nathaniel Wood Esqr said Agent

Report on Sheldon & Carltons Road

The committee chosen at March to examine the two routs to Sheldon & Carltons Mill made their report which see on Next Page.

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Committee on Sheldon and Carlton's Mill. Road. Report.

April 1. 1833

The Committee chosen to estimate the expense on each proposed route from the Fitchburg and Ashburnham road to Mefs Carltons and Sheldons Mills, and receive any subscriptons on either of said routs, have attended to that duty so far as their limited means would permit and report as follows

On the Pratt rout—27 Rods from the termination of the Pratt road to the river. Doct Fox's Damage for land & Fencing same $50.00			$50.00
Estimated expense of making at one Dollar pr rod is			27.00
Bridge and abutments			500.00
Making road from the Bridge to Marshall's road 19 rods and turning arch over ditch			100.00
Marshall's damage for Strip of land . . .			50.00
			$727.00
The Donations of s^d rout are as follows			
Capt L. Pratt gives .	$10.00	Deduct same from . . .	110.00
Others in south part of Town	10.00		
Middle of Town gives	10.00	Whole expense to town on the Pratt rout . . .	$617.00
Mefs Carlton & Sheldon	50.00		
West part of the Town	30.00		
making in all . .	$110.00		

On the Marshall Rout

Marshall's damage for 130 Rods is	$130.00
For making the road 130 rods at $1.25 pr Rod	162.50
Marshall's damage at bend of road below his house	30.00
Expense of straitning same	20.00
On the Marshall rout Sum total	$342.50

All of which is respectfully submitted

Francis Perkins
Carlton
Alvah Crocker

Voted to accept the above Report
Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Voted that the selectmen be instructed to lay out a road on the Pratt rout.

Article 3 Voted to pafs over the 3d Article in the warrant

" 4 Academy Road Accepted Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to accept the road from Sheldons Tavern as described in the 4 Article of the warrant as it now is.

" 5 Voted to choose a committee of five to look out the best rout for a road from this village to Ashby

Chose Joseph Downe
Jonas Marshall
Joshua Goodridge } Committee
Isaiah Putnam
Benjamin Snow

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clek.

[51] Warrant for Town Meeting June 3d 1833.

June 3d 1833 To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester Greeting—
.Seal.
.Seal.
.Seal.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Second Parish meeting-house in said Fitchburg on monday the 3d day of June next, at 4 o'clock in the after noon then & there to act on the following articles—

Article 1. To see if the Town will choose any Agent or Agents to attend upon the county Commifsioners when viewing any routs for roads petitioned for through this town or in laying out any roads already viewed or act any thing respecting said contemplated roads.

" 2d To see if the Town will accept any roads laid out by their Selectmen, and act anything further respecting said roads they deem proper.

" 3d To see if the Town will pafs any Bye-laws or regulations concerning the licensing, regulating &

restraining of Dogs going at large or act anything thereon they may deem proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands & seals this twenty fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Cyrus Thurston } of
Enoch Caldwell } Fitchburg

Worcester ſs May 25th 1833. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the said Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the within time and place, by posting up attested copies of said Warrant at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[52] Town Meeting June 3d 1833.

1833. June 3d.

Fitchburg Second Parish Meeting-house June 3d 1833 4 O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of said Fitchburg aſsembled as above The meeting being opened by reading the warrant Ebenezer Torrey Esqr was chosen Moderator

Article 1st. Fitchburg & Westminster Roads.

Voted to choose a committee of three to attend upon the County Commiſsioners while viewing the rout through the south part of this town petitioned for by Lipha French and others and all other routs for roads petitioned for leading from Fitchburg to Westminster and to make all necessary surveys before said commiſsioners come on they may think proper.

Committee on Westminster Roads

Chose Nathaniel Wood Esqr
Joseph Downe "
Levi Farwell Said committee

Voted that the committee above be further authorised to make propositions on the part of this Town to the County Commiſsioners to make alterations and improvements on the fifth Maſsachusetts Turnpike or old road through the South part of this Town.

Committee on Ashby Road

Voted to choose a committee of three to attend the County Commiſsioners when laying out the road from Fitchburg to Ashby.

Chose Nathaniel Wood Esqr
William Kilburn
Jonas Marshall Committee

Voted that said committee be instructed to oppose the making of any road from Fitchburg to Ashby until the Town of Ashby make a road from Ashby to Fitchburg line where our County Commiſsioners consider the best place for said road.

Article 2d

The Selectmen Reported a road laid out by them from the county road leading from this town to Ashburnham croſsing the river to Sheldon & Carltons Mill upon which it was voted not to accept of the Report.

Sheldon & Carltons Road Accepted See Page 34. This Book

Voted to accept of the Road reported to the Town by the Selectmen—called Sheldon & Carltons road—as laid out by them and first reported to the Town August 20 1832 and Recorded in this Book Page 34. also reported

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March 4. 1833 which is also mentioned on this book Page 46—which see—the whole course of said road is through land of Jonas Marshall—it is thought by many that the Town will not be satisfied without a road croſsing the River from said Sheldon & Carltons Mills nearly south to the road to Ashburnham and that the town will be obliged to build said road within five years. from this little note the Inhabitants of this town in 1838. will be able to see the result.

Article 3 Dogs—! You are Safe for this year A. D. 1833.

After much conversation and debate and not a little Oratory and some small degree of warmth on the subject of this Article (viz Dogs) it was voted that the third article be pafsed over.

Dissolved

All the articles in the warrant having been disposed of it was voted that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Warrant. Town Meeting November 11, 1833.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 11, 1833.

.Seal. .Seal. .Seal.

Worcester fs = To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwelth of Mafsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified in elections, to meet at the First Parish Meeting-house, in said Town on Monday the 11th day of November next at 12 O'clock at noon being the second Monday of said month.

1st. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for Six Senators on one ballot, for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing.

2d. To determine the number of Representatives the Town will choose the year ensuing.

3d. To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

4. To bring in their votes by ballot for or against the proposed Article of Amendment to the constitution in the third Article of the Bill of Rights pursuant to a Resolve of the General Court of March 18th 1833.

You are also required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Fitchburg who are qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to afsemble at the said First—

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Novm 11. 1833.

Warrant Cont—Town Meeting November 11. 1833.

Parish Meeting-house at 3 o'clock P. M. on the said

Second Monday of November to act on the following Articles viz—

1st. To choose a Moderator

2d. To see if the Town will choose a committee or committees and give further instruction in relation to the contemplated road from this Town to Westminster and also in relation to a contemplated road or alteration in the old one through the south part of this Town or act anything thereon.

3d. To see if the Town will allow John Whitcombs account for removing Snow from the road in February and March last. or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty second day of October A. D. 1833.

Abel Thurston } Select-Men
Cyrus Thurston } of
Enoch Caldwell } Fitchburg

On the 25th day of Oct. 1833. I posted an attested copy of this Warrant on each of the public Meeting-houses as directed.

Worcester ſs I hereby certify that I have Notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to aſsemble at the time and for the purposes mentioned Within.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[55] Town Meeting November 11. 1833

Novm 11. 1833. Fitchburg November 11. 1833 Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants aſsembled at the first parish meetinghouse at 12 o'clock M The meeting was opened by reading the warrant. the Inhabitants then gave in their votes to the Selectmen for

Governor, Lieutenant Governor & for Six Senators for the district of Worcester, which when sorted and counted were found and declared to be as follows—viz

Article 1 Governor. For Governor

Hon. John Davis had One hundred twenty seven Votes=127.

Hon. Marcus Morton had One hundred thirty three Votes=133.

Hon. John Q. Adams had thirty seven Votes=37.

Hon Samuel C. Allen had two Votes =2.

Lt. Governor For Lieutenant Governor

Hon Samuel T. Armstrong had One hundred thirty one Votes=131.

" James Fowler had one hundred twenty eight Votes=128.

" Samuel Lathrop had thirty seven Votes=37.

" William W. Thomson had One Vote=1.

Senators For Senators

Hon Samuel Mixter had One hundred thirty Votes =130.

" Ira Barton had One hundred thirty Votes =130.

" Charles Hudson had One hundred thirty Votes =130.

" Samuel Lee had One hundred thirty Votes =130.

" Rejoice Newton had One hundred twenty nine Votes=129.

" Charles Rufsell had One hundred thirty Votes =130.

" Henry Prentifs had One hundred twenty seven Votes=127.

" John Brown had One hundred twenty seven Votes=127.

" John Spurr had One hundred twenty seven Votes=127.

" Moses Wood had One hundred twenty six Votes=126.

" Payson Williams had One hundred seventeen Votes=117.

" Joseph Thayer had One hundred Sixteen Votes =116.
" Stephen P. Gardner had Thirty eight Votes =38.
" Theodore Jones " Thirty eight " =38.
" Tyler Batcheller " Thirty eight " =38.
" Thomas Chamberlain " Thirty eight " =38.
" William M. Benedict " Thirty eight " =38.
" Rufus Mixer " Thirty six " =36.

Article 2 Voted to choose three Representatives for the year ensuing on single ballotts which were as follows viz:

Representatives First Representative:

David Boutelle had One hundred sixty seven Votes=167. Chosen
Joseph Downe had fifty four " = 54.
Levi Farwell " fourteen " = 14.
Francis Perkins " five " = 5.
Joshua Goodridge had four " = 4.

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Over.

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1833. Representatives For Second Representative

Francis Perkins had One hundred Eighty four Votes=184. Chos.
Joseph Downe " Twenty One " = 21.
Joshua Goodridge " Twenty five " = 25.
Levi Farwell " One " = 1.
Payson Williams " Two " = 2.
Abel Thurston " Seven " = 7.

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For Third Representative

Isaiah Putnam had One hundred fifty three Vots 153. chos.

Levi Farwell	"	Twenty nine	" =	29.
Joshua Goodridge	"	fifteen	" =	15.
Payson Williams	"	Twenty one	" =	21.
Abel Thurston	"	Eleven	" =	11
Joseph Downe	"	Two	" =	2
Francis Perkins	"	One	" =	1
				.232.:.117.

Representatives chosen David Boutelle Esqr
Francis Perkins Esqr
Isaiah Putnam Esqr

Article 4

The Votes for and against the proposed Article of amendment of the Constitution in the third Article of the Bill of Rights were as follows

For the Amendment One hundred forty six=146.
Against the Amendment Forty Seven = 47.

Town business

At 3 O'clock P. M. The meeting was Opened for Town businefs pursuant to warrant by choosing Nathaniel Wood Esqr Moderator

Article 2d. Westminster Roads.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to attend the County Commissioners when laying out the contemplated Roads from Fitchburg to Westminster as mentioned in said Article.

Committee on.

Chose Joseph Downe Esqr
Nathaniel Wood Esqr
Levi Farwell Esqr Said Committee

Instructions to.

The following motions were then made viz It is moved that the committee be instructed to make proposals to the Commissioners, that if they see fit to lay out the road petitioned for by Lypha French and others, by Ezra Woods in Westminster and thence to Osborn's Mills in Fitchburg the Town will give bonds, that such parts of said Road as lie in Fitchburg and which the Commifsioners may think too sandy for for a good Road, shall be covered with good materials for a road as deep as the Commifsioners may deem proper, provided it does not exceed two feet. Which was pafsed in the affirmative. It was further moved that the Committee be clothed with discrefsionary power with regard to other parts

of said Roads, and that the Committee be empowered to give bonds to carry the above mottions into effect which was also paſsed in the affirmative.

J. Whitcombs Bill. Article 3

Voted not to allow the account of John Whitcomb.

Voted to dissolve

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[57] Warrant. for Town Meeting February 17. 1834

1834. February 17. .Seal. .Seal. .Seal.

Worcester ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester—Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote for representatives in the general court of this commonwealth to meet at the second parish meeting-house on Monday the seventeenth day of February Inst. at two O'clock P. M. To bring in their votes to the Select-men for a representative of said Commonwealth in the Congreſs. of the United States for District number five.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands and Seals this third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Cyrus Thurston } of
Enoch Caldwell } Fitchburg

Worcester ſs. Febry 3d 1834. I hereby cirtify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within named

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting February 17 1834.

Fitchburg February 17. 1834. Second Parish Meetinghouse 2. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to warrant the Inhabitants met at the above time and place for the purpose of Electing a Representative to Congrefs The meeting being opened by reading the warrant the Inhabitants brought in their Votes to the Select-men for a Representative in Congrefs from District Number 5. which when sorted & counted were declared by the Select-men to be as follows. Viz

Representative to Congres

For Levi Lincoln One hundred forty three Votes=143.
" Col. Isaac Davis One hundred seven " =107.

This Election was had in consequence of the Resignation of John Davis who is now Governor of the State. Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[58] Warrant for Town Meeting February 17, 1834.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg—Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the Second Parish Meeting house in said Fitchburg on Monday the 17th day of February instant at three o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles

First. To choose a Moderator

Second. To see if the town will appoint an Agent to defend the suit brought against it by John Whitcomb or act anything thereon

Third To see if the Town will authorise the Select-men to appoint measurers of Wood or act anything thereon as may be deemed expedient.

And you are directed to serve this Warrent by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meetinghouses in said town eight days at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeing as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and Seals this eighth day of February in the year of our Lord 1834.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Enoch Caldwell } Fitchburg

Attst J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Worcester fs. February 8th 1834. I hereby certify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time, place and for the purposes within named. Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town meeting February 17. 1834

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg met at the Second Parish Meeting house February 17. 1834 at 3: O'clock P M the meeting was opened by reading the warrant and choosing Deacon Abel Thurston Moderator.

Article 1.

2. John Whitcomb Vs. Town of Fitchburg by Agent.

Voted to choose an Agent to defend the Suit brought against the Town by John Whitcomb Voted to choose said Agent by Nomination.

Voted and chose Deacon Abel Thurston for said Agent. Voted that the Agent use his discrefsion in all matters connected with said suit.

3

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to appoint Measurers of Wood.

Adjourned.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in March next at 3. O'clock P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the meeting was opened March 3. but as the businefs with regard to Mr Whitcombs suit had been settled by a decision against said Whitcomb by Wm Perry Esqr of Leominster on the ground that Jeremiah Lowe who was chosen Surveyor of Highways in said Whitcombs district was not sworn as the Law requires of that officer consequently had no Legal Authority in said district. the meeting was therefore Dissolved.

Dissolved.

Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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1834. Warrant. March 3. 1834.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 3. 1834.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester,

.Seal. .Seal. .Seal. Greeting. In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, Qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet at the First Parish Meeting-house in said Town. on Monday the 3d day of March next at nine of the clock A. M. then and there to act on the following Articles. viz.

Art. 1st To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2d To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer collector or acct any thing respecting choosing a collector they may deem proper.

3d To hear the report of their committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer, and inspect the accounts of the Select-men and Assessors, for the past year.

4th To see if the Town will choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Select-men and Assessors for the year 1834.

5th To hear the report of their committee chosen to ascertain the expences of their Work-house for the year past.

6th To see if the Town will choose a committee to ascertain the expences of supporting their Poor for the year ensuing.

7th To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their High-ways and Bridges for the year ensuing and act anything in regard to laying out said money they deem proper.

8th To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing and act anything with respect to laying out said money, they think proper.

9th To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town charges the year ensuing, or act any thing thereon.

10th To hear the report of their School Committee chosen last march for the examination of schools, Teachers, &c.

11th To see if the Town will choose a committee to keep in repair their Bridges the year ensuing.

12th To see if the Town will make any appropriation for ringing either of the Bells the year ensuing or act anything thereon.

13th To see if the Town will accept of any roads laid out by their Select-men or act anything thereon.

14th To see if the Town will restrain Horses, neat cattle and swine, from running at large within the limits of said Town the year ensuing.

15th To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to Borrow money for the use of said Town for the year ensuing.

16th To see if the Town will empower their Highway Surveyors to collect Taxes for repairing the ways which shall not be paid in labour or otherwise within the time limited by Law or such periods as may be agreed upon by the Town or act anything thereon.

17th To see if the Town will allow the account of Levi Farwell and others for removing Snow from the road in the winter of 1833 & 34 or act anything thereon.

18th To see if the Town will make any provision for removing Snow from the public Highways in future, or act anything thereon.

19th To see if the Town will choose a committee to view the contemplated rout for a road, from Wm Woodburys Tavern, to this village or act anything thereon.

20th To see if the Town will annex Elnathan Gibson to School District No 10.

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And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up Attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in Said Town fourteen days at least before the Time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the Time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this seventeenth

day of February in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty four.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Cyrus Thurston } of
Enoch Caldwell } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs Feby 17th 1834. By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants aforesaid as above directed by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town of Fitchburg.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town meeting March 3. 1834

Town meeting March 3. 1834.

Pursuant to the forgoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled at the First Parish meetinghouse March 3. 1834 at 9 Oclock A. M. The meeting was opened by reading the Warrant and choosing

Moderator. Ivers Phillips Esqr. Moderator.

Town Clerk Chose s. Jonas A. Marshall. Town Clerk. who took the oath which follows

Clerk's Oath. Worcester fs. March 3. 1834. Then personally appears Jonas A. Marshall and took the following Oath "You swear, that in the office of clerk, to which you are chosen, you will truly record all votes pafsed in all Town meetings, during the year and until another clerk shall be chosen & sworn, & also faithfully discharge all the other duties of your office—so help you God."

.Before me. Nathaniel Wood, Jus. of the Pec.

Oaths N. B. All persons chosen to any Office this day of whom an Oath is required and who took the Oath prescribed for the respective Offices to which they were chosen in open Town meeting on the above 3d day of March have the letter s preceding their respective names and all who have taken the oath of office at any other time have and shall have the date

on which they ware so qualified included in brackets (s) with the s.

Prayer by Revr C. Lincoln

After the clerk was chosen and qualified the two clergimen being present businefs was suspended for Prayers by the .Revr. Mr Lincoln. after which the Inhabitants proceeded to choose other Town Officers.

Treasurer

Chose s. David Boutelle. Treasurer.

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Town Meeting March 3. 1834.

Selectmen

Chose s. Abel Thurston.
s. Cyrus Thurston.
s. Enoch Coldwell. Selectmen.

Assessors

.Voted to choose 3 Assessors on one Ballott.

Chose s. Abel Thurston.
s. Cyrus Thurston.
s. Enoch Coldwell. Assessors.

.Voted to choose three Overseers of the Poor on One Ballott.

Overseers of Poor

Chose s. Jonas Marshall.
s. David Boutelle.
.Isaiah Putnam. Overseers of Poor.

Adjourned for Dinner

Voted to adjourn one hour for Dinner. At the expiration of the hour the meeting was opened.

Voted to choose Highway Surveyors as usual.

Highway Surveyors

Chose s. Alfred Messenger.
s. David Boutelle.
s. Thomas Eaton.
s. James L. Haynes.
(March 20 s). Daniel Works.
s. Ross C. Stephens.
(June 3 s). John Willard.
s. Josiah Hartwell.
s. Emory Carr.
s. Eleazer Davis.
s. John Whitcomb.
(March 17 s). Amos Oakman.
(" 6 s). Charles Farwell.
(" 10 s). Abram Osborn 2d
s. John Start.

s. Phineas Sawyer.
s. Josiah Chase.
(June 7. s). Ephraim Osborn Jr.
s. John P. Jaquith.
s. Samuel Shattuck.
s. Enoch Coldwell.
(May 30 s). Clark Hillton.
s. Abel Thurston. Highway Surveyors.

Cullers of Hoops & Staves

Chose s. Joseph F. Hovey. s. Jeremiah Kinsman.
Cullers of Hoops & Staves.

Fence Viewers

Chose s. Joseph Downe. .Clark Hillton.
s. Samuel Hale. .William Carter.
Fence Viewers.

Surveyors of Lumber

Chose .Zachariah Sheldon. s. Aaron Eaton.
s. John Prichard. s. William Johnson.
s. Abijah Hartwell. .Surveyors of Lumber.

Field Drivers

Chose .Elijah S. Carter.
.David Lowe.
(Aug 25 s). Oliver Fullum.
(June 24 s). Jonathan Haskell..
.Charles P. Deene.
.Joseph Boynton. Field Drivers.

Pound Keeper

Chose s. Joseph F. Hovey. Pound Keeper.

Hog Reeves

.George W. Davis. .Joseph Marshall.
.Daniel Messenger. .Wm. Bolton.
s. John P. Jaquith. .Edwin F. Bunnell.
s. Josiah Chase. .Hog Reeves.

Tything-men

Chose .Israel Turner. .Azariah Fuller.
.Samuel Phelps. .Edward Smith.
.William Woodbury. .Clark Hillton.
.Tything-men.

Constables

Chose (May 31. s). Alpheus Kimball.
(March 22. s). Samuel Houghton.
.Constables.

Fire Wards

Chose .John Thurston. .Zachariah Sheldon.
.Nathaniel Wood. .Alpheus Kimball.
.Martin Newton. .Jonas A. Marshall.
.Amos Durant. .Benjamin Snow.
.Fire Wards.

School Committee Appropriation to $.50.

Voted to choose a School Comittee of five.
Chose Revr. .Calvin Lincoln.
Revr. .John A. Albro.
.Ivers Phillips. .School Committee.
.Levi Downe.
.Ezra W. Reede.

.Voted to appropriate fifty Dollars to pay the School Committee for thir services the ensuing year.

Article 2 Collector.

Voted to choose the Treasurer Collector.

Compensation Discount

Voted that he shall have the same compensation for his services as last year.

Voted that the same discount be made for prompt payment of Taxes as last year.

Tax Bill time of Committal to Treasurer

Voted that the Tax Bill be committed to the Treasurer at the same time as last year.

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Town Meeting March 3. 1834.

Article 3

The committee chosen at the last March meeting to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the year past then made their report—which followes. and was Accepted.

Committee on Treasurey Report.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Selectmen and Treasurer have attended that service and make the following report.

.1834. March 1st.

Treasurer	Dr.
To ballance in his hands March 2d 1833 .	448..68
" Cash paid by Benjamin Snow on 1830 Tax Bill	25.. ..
" Cash paid by Manasseh Sawyer " 1831 Tax Bill	147..69
" Cash paid the Treasurer " 1832 Tax Bill	1008..34
" Cash paid " . . " . . . . " 1833 Tax Bill	3329..09
" Cash Reed by Overseers of the Poor for support of State pauper	19..80
" Cash Reed by Overseers of the Poor from Salem for the support of Ebenr Phelps family	37..30
	5015..90

" Cash Borrowed for the use of the Towne			800. —
			5815..90
Amount of Taxes pd subject to discount		$2787..97	
Disct made		154..56	
		2633..41	
Viz. at 6 pr Ct	144.51		
" 4 " "	4.94		
" 2 " "	5.11		
Amount pd since 1st Decr . . .		695. 68	
		3329..09	
Ballance in the Treasurers hands			440..26
Due from Benjamin Snow on 1830 Tax Bill			37..47
" from Manasseh Sawyer " 1831. " "			96..03
" " David Boutelle " 1832 " "			61..39
" " " " " 1833 " "			1036..87
			1672..02

Treasurer_____Cr

By payment of Orders drawn by the Selectmen	2571..05
" payment " 1 Ys. Int. to Moses Hale on Town Note	60..--
" payment of 1 Ys. " " Caleb Perry " Town Note	90..—
" payment of Note & Int. to Betsy Wood	42..40
" " " County Tax	336..71
" " " 2 Note & Int. To Fitchburg Bank	1955..30
" payment " " " " " Francis Perkins	204..83
" 1¼ Pr. Ct. collected on 1832 Bill (1008..34	12..60
" 1¼ " on 3329..09. Collected on 1833 Tax Bill	41..61
" payt of Interest on short loans . . .	61..14
	5375..64

Ballance in the Treasurers hands . . .	440..26
	5815..90
Your committee find the Town indebted to the following persons, being the principal of their several Notes. Viz To Caleb Perry $1500. Moses Hale $1000. Joshua Goodridge 579..93 Eunice Goodridge 140..12 Joseph Richardson 400. James Hartwell 500. . . .	4128. 05
Int due on the above Notes 1st March	186..60
Due the Selectmen & Afsessors for their Services	64. 37
" the Several School Districts	522..22
" on Out standing Orders	48..78
" Nathan Ordway for 2 Months services	33..33
	4983..35
	1672..02
Leaving a ballance against the Town . .	$3311..33

Town Debt $3311..33.

Jonas Marshall } Committe
Nath! Wood }
David Boutelle Treasurer
Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[63] Town Meeting March 3. 1834.

Article 4

Voted to choose a committee of three to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the year 1834.

Committee to Settle with Treas. Selectm. & Assess.

Chose .Jonas Marshall. }
.Joseph Downe. } .Committee.
.Isaiah Putnam. }

" 5 Committee on Work-house 1833. Report.

The Committee chosen at the last March meeting to ascertain the expences of their Work-house the past year then made their report which was accepted by which it appears that the support of their Poor the year past has cost the Town $467.80.

Exp of Poor 1833. $467.80

" 6

Voted to choose a Committee of 3 to ascertain the expences of supporting the Poor the ensuing year.

Committee on Poor for 1834.

Chose .Levi Downe.
.Isaiah Putnam.
.Horrace Newton. Said Committee.

" 7
High Ways & Bridges $.1600. for.

Voted to raise the sum of ($1600.) sixteen hundred dollars for the support of Highways and Bridges the year ensuing to be expended as last year.

" 8
Schools $1100. for

Voted to raise ($1100.) Eleven hundred dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing to be laid out as last year.

" 9
For Town Charges $3000. } Also 300 } 3300. See below

Voted to raise the sum of ($3000) Three Thousand dollars to defray their necessary Town Charges the year ensuing.

" 10

Voted as there was no report presented by the School Committee that the 10 Article be pafsed over.

" 11
Committee on Bridges

Voted to choose a Committee of three to keep in repair their Bridges the ensuing year.

Chose .Joseph Downe.
.Levi Farwell.
.John H. Wheeler. Said Committee.

" 12
Ringing Bell. $20. for.

Voted that the Selectmen be Authorised to pay a sum not exceeding twenty dollars ($20.) for Ringing One of the Parish Bells the year ensuing

" 13

The Selectmen then made the following Report of a Road laid out by them which follows.

Capt Amos Wheelers Road. Reported & Accepted

We the Subscribers, Select-men of the Town of Fitchburg, have laid out for the use of said Town, a Town way as follows; begining at an appletree on the Easterly side of the road leading from the dwellinghouse of Capt. Amos Wheeler, and on land of said Wheeler South six degrees East fifty nine & a half rods, then south eleven degrees West on land of said Wheeler seventeen & a half rods where it intersects the old road, to be two rods wide, and to lie on the Westerly side of said course. Which said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this twenty fifth day of February A.D. 1834.

.Abel Thurston. }
.Cyrus Thurston. } Select-men of Fitchburg.
.Enoch Caldwell. }

Voted to accept the above Report.

" 9

Voted to take up the ninth article again when on motion it was

For Town Charges in Addition $300.

Voted to raise the sum of three hundred dollars ($300.) in addition to the sum of three thousand dollars already raised as above. (See 9. Article). to defray necessary Town charges.

" 14 Horses &c Restraind

Voted that Horses, neat Cattle & Swine be restrained from running at large the year ensuing.

" 15 Treasurer to Borrow money

Voted that the Treasurer be authorised to borrow money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

" 16 Highway Surveyors may collect money for H. Taxes

Voted that the Highway Surveyors be furnished by the Assessors with a warrant to collect the money for all Taxes on his Bill if not paid in Work.

Voted that the Taxes be collected in money provided they are not paid in Work by the first of November.

[64] Town Meeting March 3. 1834.

Article 17. Accounts of Levi Farwell & Others Allowed for Removing Snnow

Voted to allow the accounts of Levi Farwell and Others for removing Snow from the roads in the winter of 1833 & 34. provided their accounts are approved by the Highway Surveyor of their district whether said Surveyor was sworn or not.

" 18 Passed Over

Voted to pafs the 18 Article over.

" 19 William Woodburys Road

Voted to choose a Committee of three to oppose the laying out of a road from William Woodburys Tavern to this village as mentioned in said 19. Article

Commettee to Oppose

Chose .Alvah Crocker.
.Jonas Marshall.
.Nathaniel Wood. said Committee.

" 20 Elnathan Gibson annext to Sch. District No 10

Voted that Elnathan Gibson be annexed to School District No 10.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

.Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Sealer of Weigts and Measures

The Select-men of the Town of Fitchburg hereby appoint Walter Johnson as a Sealer of Weights and Measures for said Town for the year ensuing.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of the
April 30. 1834. Enoch Caldwell } Town of Fitchburg

Oath.

May 3. 1834 Then personally appeared Walter Johnson and took the oath required of a Sealer of weights and Measures as above appointed before me.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Measurers of Wood & Bark.

Walter Johnson

The Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg hereby appoint Walter Johnson Measurer of wood and Bark for said Town for the year ensuing his fees to be 6¼ cts pr load and paid as the law directs

May 14. 1834. Abel Thurston, Cyrus Thurston, Enoch Caldwell } Select-men of Fitchburg

Oath.

Fitchburg May 17. 1834. Then personally appeared Walter Johnson and took the Oath required of a Measurer of Wood & Bark before me

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Horrace Newton

The Select-men of the Town of Fitchburg hereby appoint Horrace Newton Measurer of Wood & Bark for said Town for the year ensuing. his fees to be 6¼ cts per load and paid as the law directs

May 14. 1834. Abel Thurston, Cyrus Thurston, Enoch Caldwell } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Oath.

May 20. 1834 Then the above named Horrace Newton personally appeared and took the Oath required of a Measurer of Wood & bark before me

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Meas. Wood & Bark John Caldwell. Jonathan Haskell. John Thurston.

To Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk this may certify that we have appointed s. Horace Newton .s Walter Johnson (Oct .s 10) John Caldwell. Jonathan Haskell & s John Thurston Measurers of Wood and Bark for the Town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing

May 14th 1834. Abel Thurston, Cyrus Thurston, Enoch Caldwell } Select-men of Fitchburg

Personally appeared John Thurston June 7. and took the oath required of Measurer of Wood Bark

Also on the 10 Oct. John Caldwell took the oath as Measurer of Wood & Bark

before me J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[65]
1834.
Warrant.
June 9.

Warrant for Town meeting June 9. 1834.

Worcester ſs. To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the second Parish meeting-house in said Fitchburg on Monday the ninth day of June next at four O'Clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles.

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d.. To see if the Town will erect a new bridge acrofs the river near Elijah Burbanks papermill and act anything in regard to leting out the building of said Bridge they think proper.

3d To see if the Town will accept of any roads laid by the Selectmen or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to Serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands and seals this thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Abel Thurston } Select-men
Cyrus Thurston } of Fitchburg

Worcester ſs. May 31. 1834. I hereby certify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to assemble at the time, place and for the purposes within named.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.

Attst. Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting June 9. 1834

Town Meeting June 9. 1834.

Pursuant to the forgoing warrant the Inhabi-

tants of the Town of Fitchburg met at the Second Parish Meeting-house in said Town June 9. at 4 o'clock P. M.

The clerk of the Town being absent the meeting was opened by the Selectmen by reading the Warrant. after which the Town Voted and chose Ebenezer Torrey Clerk Pro. Tem.

Article 1st. Voted and Chose Jonas Marshall Moderator.

Art 2d Voted to build a new Bridge acrofs the river near Elijah Burbanks Papermill.

Bridge by E. Burbank's Paper mill. Voted that said Bridge be built of Granite.

Voted that a committee of five be chosen to Superintend the building of said Bridge.

Voted that this committee be chosen by ballott.

Voted that the last Vote be reconsidered.

Papermill Bridge Committee on

Voted and chose Joseph Down Esqr.
Joshua Goodridge.
Francis Perkins.
Levi Farwell.
Jonas Marshall.
Said Committee.

Article 3d Voted to take up the 3d Article in the warrant.

Roads Reported Under this Article the Selectmen made the following report of roads laid out by them—(for Report see next Page.

[66] Town meeting June 9. 1834.

1834. Roads Reported by Selectmen. By Burbanks Paper Mill. Road Accepted.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town way as follows: Begining at a stake and Stones on the Easterly side of the County road leading from Fitchburg to Leominster thence North 36° west 5 Rods to stake and Stones through land of Samuel Hale. Thence N. 22° W about 10 Rods until it intersects with the road aforesaid. Said Road is to lie on the westerly side of said course and embraces all the land between the line aforesaid and the first mentioned Road.

Road by Col. I. Phillips' & Daniel Flint's Jr &c Accepted on Conditions.

Also a Road begining at a Stake and Stones on land of Cyrus Kinsman Thence N. 60º W. 12 Rods partly on land of Danl. Flint Jr and partly on land of Hiram Davis. Thence S. 74º W. 16 Rods partly on land of high School Association and Partly on Land of Ivers Phillips until it intersects with the Road leading from Harvy Aldens Hotelle (by John Prichards and others) to land of Heirs of Oliver Fox Said Road is to be 40 feet wide on the first mentioned line, and three Rods wide on the last—and to lie on the Southerly side of Said course. which said Roads are hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded are forever after to be known as public Town Ways.

Dated at Fitchburg this ninth (9th) day of June A. D. 1834. Abel Thurston } Select-men of
Cyrus Thurston } Fitchburg.

Attst Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Road Accepted

Voted that the first piece of Road described in the above Report be accepted

Road Accepted on Conditions

Voted that the second piece of Road be accepted provided it be made to the acceptance of the Select-men by the first of September next without expence to the Town other than the highway taxes of those Inhabitants living on the Same.

Article 2d

Voted to take up the 2d Article again.

Voted that the location of the Bridge be left to the discretion of the committee already chosen under this Article.

Voted that the Committee proceed, as soon as may be properly done, to build said Bridge.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Ebenezer Torrey, Town Clerk pro. tempore.

Copy Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[67] Warrant for Town meeting July 19. 1834.

July 19. 1834. Warrant. .Seal. .Seal. .Seal.

Worcester ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachu-

setts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the First Parish Meeting-house in said Fitchburg on Saturday the nineteenth day of July instant at five O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles.

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d To see what measure the Town will adopt to carry into effect the order of the County Commissioners, in constructing a new road from Fitchburg to Westminster—Also another order of Said Commissioners to construct about 2 miles of new road southerly of the Turnpike in said Fitchburg—or act any thing on either of the above orders.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, eight days at least before the time for holding Said meeting.

Hereof fail not and due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the Time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and seals this eleventh day of July, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand eight hundred & thirty four

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Enoch Caldwell } of Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. July 11th 1834.

I hereby certify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to afsemble at the time and place and for the purposes within named.

Alphus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town meeting July 19. 1834.

Town Meeting July 19. 1834.

Pursuant to the forgoing Warrant the Inhabitants met at the First Parish Meetinghouse July 19, 1834. at 5 O'clock P. M. The meeting was opened by reading the Warrant, and under the first article in said warrant

Article 1. Moderator

Voted and chose Deacon Abel Thurston Moderator

Article 2d. Roads from Fitchburg to Westminster

The Orders of the County Commifsioners having been read and some remarks having been made It was Voted to choose a committee of three to carry into effect the orders of the County Commissioners mentioned in Article second of the Warrant.

Voted that said committee be chosen by Ballott.

Committee on the above Roads to Westminster.

Votes were given in by the Inhabitants for said Committee which were for the following persons who were chosen Viz Nathaniel Wood Esqr, Levi Farwell " , Alpheus Kimball } Committee

Powers of Committee

Voted that the committee have discretionary power in the construction of all necessary Bridges, to substitute Stone for Wood where they may think it for the interest of the Town.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[68] Warrant for Town Meeting Novmber 10. 1834.

1834. .Seal. .Seal. .Seal.

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester.. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to Vote in elections, to meet at the Second Parish Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the tenth day of November next at one O'clock in the after noon, being the Second Monday of said Month.

1st To bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for Six Senators, on one ballot, for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing.

2d. To determine the number of Representatives the Town will choose for the Year ensuing.

3d. To choose one or more Representatives to Represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And you are also required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Fitchburg qualified to

vote in Town affairs to assemble at the said Second Parish Meeting-house at 3 O'clock P. M. on the tenth day of the fore said November to act on the following articles viz.

1st To see if the Town will take any measures to prevent the water from running from the Pond of the Fitchburg Cotton Mill acrofs the new Road leading to Ashburnham or act anything thereon

2d To see if the Town will accept of any alteration in the road leading from the House of Jonathan Burrage to the House of Jonas Marshall as laid out by their Selectmen or act any thing thereon.

3d. To see if the Town will accept of the Road leading acrofs the land of the High School Association and others as Reported to the Town on the ninth day of June last or act anything in regard to said road they think proper.

4th To see if the Town will accept of a list of Jurors made out by their Selectmen.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the Time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty third day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Abel Thurston }
Cyrus Thurston } Selectmen of
Enoch Caldwell } Fitchburg

Worcester fs Fitchburg October 27. 1834. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place within named by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at the three public meeting-houses in the centre of said town.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[69] Warrant for Town Meeting (No 2) Novmber 10, 1834.

1834.

.Seal.
.Seal.

Worcester ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Second Parish meeting-house in said town, on Monday the tenth day of November next at two O'Clock in the after noon, being the second Monday of said Month.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the congreſs of the United States for district number five.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town eight days at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this third day of November in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Cyrus Thurston } Fitchburg

Worcester ſs. Nov 3d 1834. By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants within named by posting up copies of the within Warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in Said town of Fitchburg.

Samuel Houghton Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

November 10th. .1834.

Town Meeting November 10. 1834.

Fitchburg Second Parish Meeting-house November 10. 1834. 1 O'clock P. M.

Pursuant to the forgoing Warrant the Inhabitants met as above for the purpose of giving in their

votes for Governor & Lt. Governor, Senators and the Transaction of other businefs, the meeting was Opened by reading the warrant, Selectmen presiding, by whome Votes were received, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as required by law and were as follows viz.

Governor.	For Governor	John Davis	had	195	Votes
		Marcus Morton	"	82	"
		John Bailey	"	3	"
Lt. Governor	For Lt. Governor	Samuel F. Armstrong	had	195	Votes
		William W. Thomson	"	82	"
		George Odiorne	"	3	"
Seators	For Seators	Samuel Mixter	had	193	Votes
		Charles Hudson	"	193	"
		Charles Russell	"	192	"
		Charles Allen	"	194	"
		George A. Tufts	"	194	"
		Waldo Flint	"	194	"
		Henry Prentifs	"	82	"
		Joseph Thayer	"	82	"
		John Spurr	had	82	Votes
		Nathaniel Rand	"	82	"
		Alexander De.Witt	"	82	"
		John Boynton	"	82	"
		Stephen P. Gardner	"	4	"
		Tyler Bachellor	"	4	"
		Theodore Jones	"	4	"
		Elijah Stoddard	"	4	"
		Austin Flint	"	4	"
		Lovett Peters	"	4	"

[70] Town Meeting Novm. 10. 1834.

1834. Novm 10. Article 2. Voted to choose three Representatives to the General Court the ensuing year

Voted that they be chosen separately or on single Ballott.

" 3. Votes for Representatives ware received, sorted, counted, and declaired as the Law directs and were as follows. viz.

Representatives.. Chosen Isaiah Putnam.

For First Representative

Isaiah Putnam Esqr	had	177.	Votes and was chosen
Nathaniel Wood Esqr	"	74	"
Levi Farwell Esqr	"	3	"
Enoch Caldwell	"	1	"

Levi Farwell.

For Second Representative

Levi Farwell Esqr	had	133.	Votes and was chosen
Nathaniel Wood "	"	83	"
Enoch Caldwell	"	31	"
Abel Thurston	"	3	"
Joseph Downe "	"	2	"

Enoch Coldwell.

For Third Representative

Enoch Coldwell	had	165.	Votes and was chosen
Nathaniel Wood Esqr	"	71	"
Joseph Downe "	"	1	"

Representative to Congress.

Pursuant to warrant at 2 O'clock the meeting was opened for the choise of Representative in Congrefs for the District Number five Select-men presiding Votes were Reed by them Sorted, Counted, and declaration thereof made as by law directed and were for the following persons Viz.

For Representative in Congrefs

Levi Lincoln	had	185.	Votes
Maturin L. Fisher	"	67	"

Town Business.

At three O'clock the meeting was opened for town businefs by reading the warrant and choosing Isaiah Putnam Esq Moderator

Article 1st.

Voted to choose a committee of three to investigate the Subject of the first Article in the warrant for town businefs and report at a future meeting.

Chose Francis Perkins
Jonas Marshall
Benjamin Snow. Committee

" 2d

The Selectmen then made the following report.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town way as follows Beginning at a Stake and Stones on the Southerly side of the road leading by

Jonas Marshall's to Sheldon & Carltons Mills, Thence North 78º East 10 Rods 9 Links to the old Road leading to Ashburnham Said is to lie on the Northerly side of said course and embrace all the land between the two Roads abovementioned which said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known a public Town Way.

Dated at Fitchburg this 10th day of November A. D. 1834. Damage thirty five Dollars to the said Marshall and he the said Marshall to move the wall.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Cyrus Thurston } of
Enoch Caldwell } Fitchburg

[71] Town Meeting Novm 10. 1834.

1834.
Article 2d Voted that the Road be accepted as Reported by the Selectmen in the forgoing Report.

3d Voted that the third Article in the warrant be pafsed over to the adjournment

4th.. The Selectmen reported the following list of Jurors

Jurors.

Francis Perkins,	David Boutelle,
Isaiah Putnam,	Abial J. Towne,
Joseph Downe,	Isaac B. Woodward,
William Carlton,	Timothy F. Downe,
Josiah Brown,	Joshua Goodridge,
Abel Thurston,	Cyrus Thurston,
Payson Williams,	Horace Newton,
Barker Gibson,	John Prichard,
Phineas Sawyer,	Samuel Willis,
Benjamin Wheeler,	Asher Greene,
Amos Durant,	Daniel Works,
Joseph Upton,	William Downe,
George H. Lowe,	John Caldwell,
Justin Stearnes,	Ezra W. Reede,
Alpheus Kimball,	Alpheus Boutelle
Josiah Sheldon,	Thomas Eaton
Levi Farwell,	David Baldwin,
Levi Pratt,	Manasseh Sawyer,
Jabez Farbanks,	John Thurston,

Enoch Caldwell,	William Kilburn
Martin Newton,	Levi Kendall
Benjamin Snow,	Daniel Tuttle,
Abel Bruce,	Samuel Smith
Samuel Hawes,	Daniel Lowe
Alvah Crocker,	Jonathan Haskell
Calvin Howard,	Zachariah Sheldon
Amos Hill,	Samuel Hale,
John Sawyer,	John T. Farwell

Voted to accept the List of Jurors Reported by the Selectmen which is recorded above

Adjourned.

Voted to adjourn to Saturday the twenty second instant at two O'clock P. M.

Adjourned Meeting. Novemb 22. 1834.

Second Parish Meetinghouse November 22. 1834. 2 O'clock P. M.

Persuant to adjournment the Inhabitants assembled the meeting was opened by the Town Clerk the moderator being absent when it was voted to choose a moderator Pro. Tempore

Voted and chose Deacon Abel Thurston Moderator Pro Tem.

Article 1st.. Report of Committee

The committee chosen at this meeting November 10. made a verbal Report. Three courses were mentioned by them—One to build a Bridge in addition to the one already built—Another to raise the road so that the water would not go over it—and the third was to put piling on the lower Side of the Road at the lowest part for a few Rods that the water may pafs over without washing the Road When it was voted to pafs the article over

Article 3d

The Selectmen then made the following Report. We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of Said Town a townway as follows begining at a Stake and Stones on land of Cyrus Kinsman thence N. 60. W. 11. Rods 11 Links partly on land of Daniel Flint and partly on land of Hiram Davis Thence South 73 West partly on land of the of the High School Association and partly on land of Ivers Phillips untill it intercets with

[72] Town Meeting Adjournment Novm 22. 1834.

1834. the Road leading from Harvey Aldens Hotelle by John Prichards and thence to the land of the Heirs of Oliver Fox—said Road is to be 40 feet wide and to lie on the Southerly side of said course which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way.

November 22d 1834. Abel Thurston, Cyrus Thurston, Enoch Caldwell } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Academy Road Accepted Conditionally.

Voted that the above Report be accepted provided that no alteration be made on said Road acrofs the land of the High School Association by digging or otherwise without the concent of said Association or owners of the building called the Academy

Article 2d Marshall & Burrage Road Reconsidered

Voted to Reconsider the Vote pafsed November 10 accepting of the alteration of the Road between Jonas Marshalls house and Jonathan Burrages shop.

Road Report Marshall & Burrage's Accepted.

Voted to accept Said Road as this day Reported which is called the lower Rout. Said Report follows.

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg, have laid out for the use of said Town a Town way as follows—Beginning at a Stake and Stones on the Southerly Side of the Road leading by Jonas Marshall's to Sheldon & Carlton's Mills—Thence North 78º East 13. Rods 9. Links to the old road leading to Ashburnham. Said is to lie on the Notherly Side of said Course and embrace all the land between the two Roads above mentioned. which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded, is forever after to be known a public Town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this 10th day of November A. D. 1834.

Abel Thurston, Cyrus Thurston, Enoch Caldwell } Select-men of Fitchburg

Damage to Jonas Marshall $50.

Voted to allow Mr Marshall as Damage for the above Road pafsing over his Land the Sum of fifty Dollars.

Voted that the Select-men let out the making of the above Road to the Lowest bidder.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[73] Perambulation of Town Lines 1834.

With. Lunenburg

The Subscribers hereby certify that they have this day preambulated and run the line between the Town of Lunenburg and Fitchburg and renewed the Marks according to a Law of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

Oct 30. 1834. David Wood Jr } Selectmen of
Sewel Boutwell } Lunenburg

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Cyrus Thurston } Fitchburg

Leominster

The Subscribers hereby certify that they have this day preambulated the line between the Towns of Leominster and Fitchburg and renewed the bounds according to a law of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

November 7th 1834. Phinehas S Burditt } Selectmen of
Seneca Colburn } Leominster

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Enoch Caldwell } Fitchburg

Ashburnham

The Subscribers hereby certify that they have this day preambulated the line between the Towns of Fitchburg and Ashburnham and renewed the marks as the Law directs.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Enoch Caldwell } Fitchburg

Kilburn Harwood } Selectmen of
Reuben Townsend Jr } Ashburnham

November 8th 1834.

Ashby.

The Subscribers hereby certify that they have this day preambulated the line between the Towns of Fitchburg and Ashby and renewed the marks agrea-

ble to a law of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

November 12th 1834. Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Cyrus Thurston } Fitchburg

Cushing Burr Jr } Selectmen of
Stephen Lawrence } Ashby.

Westminster The Subscribers hereby certify that they have this day preambulated the line between the Towns of Fitchburg and Westminster and renewed the marks agreeable to a Law of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

November 13th 1834 Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Cyrus Thurston } Fitchburg

Joel Merriam } Selectmen of
Ruben Fenno } Westminster

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[74] Warrant for Town Meeting March 2. 1835

1835 Warrant March 1835. .Seal. .Seal.

Worcester ſs. To either of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the first Parish meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the Second day of March next at nine O'clock in the fore noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1st. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2d. To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer Collector or act any thing respecting choosing a collector they deem proper.

3d. To hear the report of their Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Select-men and Assessors for the past year.

4th. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Aſsessors for the year ensuing.

5th. To hear the report of their committee chosen to ascertain the expences of their Work-house for the year past.

6th. To see if the Town will choose a committee to ascertain the expences of supporting their Poor for the year ensuing.

7th. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their Highways and Bridges for the year ensuing and act anything in regard to laying out said money they deem proper.

8th. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their Schools the year ensuing and act anything with respect to laying out said money they think proper.

9th. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary Town Charges the year ensuing or act anything thereon.

10th. To hear the Report of their School Committee chosen last March for the examination of Schools, Teachers &c.

11th. To see if the Town will approve of the Higher branches of education being taught in the common Schools.

12th. To see if the Town will choose a committee to keep in repair their Bridges the year ensuing.

13th. To see if the Town will make any appropriation for ringing either of the Parish Bells the year ensuing or act anything thereon.

14. To see if the Town will vote in favour of the Selectmens approbating any person to retail ardent Spirit in Town the year ensuing except Taverners.

15th. To see if the Town will take measures to procure a new Fire Engine or act anything in relation to Strengthening the efficiency of their fire department in this Town.

[75] Warrant for Town Meeting March 2. 1835 Continued

1835.

16th. To see if the Town will allow Engine men who shall perform the duty required by Law the year ensuing a sum equal to their Poll Tax.

17th. To see if the Town will accept of any roads laid out by their Selectmen or act anything thereon.

18th. To see if the Town will establish the bounds of the Road pafsing from Enoch Coldwells by Peter S. Snows as laid out and widened by their Select-men.

19th. To see if the Town will restrain Horses, neat-Cattle and Swine from running at large the year ensuing.

20th. To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town for the year ensuing.

21st. To see if the Town will empower their Highway Surveyors to collect Taxes afsessed for repairing the Town ways which shall not be paid in labour or otherwise within the Time limited by Law or such time as may be agreed upon by the Town, or act anything thereon.

22d. To see if the Town will sett off as a seperate School District sundry persons belonging to Districts No 10 & 12. agreeable to their request.

23d. To see if the Town will take any measures to prevent the water from running from the Pond of the Fitchburg Cotton Mill across the new Road leading to Ashburnham or act any-thing thereon.

24th. To see if the Town will let out any Road or Roads for one or more years to be kept in repair or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, Fourteen days at least before the time for holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due Return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and Seals, this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five

Abel Thurston } Select-men of
Cyrus Thurston } Fitchburg.

Return.

Worcester fs. February 14th 1835. I hereby certify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg by posting up attested coppies of this Warrant at each of the Meeting-houses in Said Town of Fitchburg Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest. Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[76] Town Meeting March 2. 1835.

1835. Town Meeting March 2. 1835.

First Parish Meeting-house Fitchburg March 2d 1835. at 9. o'clock A. M.

The Inhabitants of the Town met Pursuant to the forgoing Warrant the Meeting was opened by reading the warrant—which was done by the Town Clerk—and choosing Deac Abel Thurston. Moderator.

Moderator

Town Clerk..

Voted and chose s Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk. who was sworn in open Town meeting by Ebenezer Torrey Esquire. whoes certificate will be found at the close of the Record of this meeting—those who Examine these Records will further notice that all persons this day chosen to office of whome an Oath by Law is required and who took said Oath in Open Town Meeting have the letter :s: prefixed to their several names those afterwards qualified have the date (day of the month) on which the oath was administered preceding the letter :s:

Explanation of Oaths.

Town Treasurer

Voted and Chose :s: David Boutelle Esq Town Treasurer.

Agreable to accustomed usage The meeting was called to order for prayers which were offered by the Reverend Mr Mc.Donald who is now the minester of the Babtist Society in this Town.

Poll. Open 15. munits.

Voted that the Poll be kept open fifteen munits on each ballott.

Voted to choose three Selectmen on seperate ballotts.

Select-men.

Voted and Chose s Nathaniel Wood Esq
s Daniel Tuttle &
s William Carlton } Select-men.

After Nathaniel Wood Esq was chosen as above

the Town Voted to lengthen the time the Poll should be kept open to twenty munits

Voted to choose three Assessors on one ballott.

Adjourned. One hour. Voted to adjourn for one hour. (12. o'clock)

Persuant to adjournment the meeting was Opened at 1. o'clock P. M.

Assessors. Voted and chose s Daniel Tuttle
s William Carlton } Assessors.
s Zachariah Sheldon

Overseers of Poor. Voted to chose three Overseers of the Poor on one ballott

Voted and chose
s Jonas Marshall
s Manasseh Sawyer } Overseers of Poor.
(April 7 s.) Isaiah Putnam

Highway Surveyors. Voted and chose
s. Joshua Goodridge
s. Joseph C. Gardner
s. Asa Sawyer
(April 7 s) Isaiah Putnam
s. Samuel Carter Excused
(June 6 s) David D. McIntire
(April 6 s.) Daniel Flint
s. Edward Smith
(March 4. s.) Walter Wiswell
Abel Farwell Excused
s. Daniel Eaton
s. Charles Beckwith
Abial J. Towne Excused
s. Alpheus Boutelle
s. Levi Downe
(March 5. s.) Joseph Battles Jr
s. Stephen Lowe
March 7. s. Ephraim Gibson
s Levi Fullum
(May 30 s James Parkhurst Jr
s. Edmund Davis
(May 23 s Asa Kinsman
(June 11 s William Carter
s. Amos Durant. Highway Surveyors.

To Fill vacancies See Page 82. of this Book.

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1835
Cullers of H. & Staves

March 2. 1835.

Voted and chose s. Jeremiah Kinsman & Amos Wheeler 2d Cullers of Hoops & Staves.

Fence Viewers

Voted and chose s Moses Hale
s. Thomas Eaton
s. David Boutelle Fence Viewers.

Surveyors of Lumber

Voted and chose s. John H. Wheelers
s. John Prichard
(March 10 s) Abijah Hartwell
(March 6. s.) Tylor Younglove
s. William Woodbury
Surveyors of Lumber.

Field Drivers

Voted and Chose s. Abel Bruce
(March 7. s.) James Hartwell
Henry Phillips
(April 3 s) Oliver Fullum
(March 7 s.) Abel Fox Field Drivers.

Pound Keeper

Voted and chose s. Joseph F. Hovey Pound Keeper.

Tything-men

Voted and chose Jonas Marshall
Moses Hale
Abel Fox
Joseph F. Hovey Tything-men.

Constables.

Voted and chose s. Alpheus Kimball
s. Horace Newton Constables.

School Committee

Voted and chose Revr. Calvin Lincoln
Cyrus Thurston
Ivers Phillips
Levi Downe
Ezra W. Reede
School Committee.

Fire Wards

Voted and chose Zachariah Sheldon
Alpheus Kimball
Jonas A. Marshall
David Boutelle
Amos Durant
Ebenezer Torrey
John H. Wheeler
Alvah Crocker
Amos Hill. Fire Wards.

Voted that the Treasurer be Collector.

Article 2d. Treasurer. Collector Discount on Taxes. See Page 82. & 3.

Voted that the same Discount be made on Taxes for prompt payment as last year which was 6. pr. cent on all Taxes paid within thirty days from the time the Tax Bill is put into the hands of the Collector. 4 pr. cent on all paid within Sixty Days and 2. pr. cent. on all paid within (120.) one hundred and twenty days from said time.

Treasurers Compensation

Voted that the Treasurer have the same compensation for his survices as last year which was one and a quater pr cent (1¼) on all collected.

Tax Bill when Committed to Treasurer

Voted that the Tax Bill be committed to the Treasurer August 1st 1835.

[78] 1835. Article 17. Road Reported by Selectmen by David Whitemores

Town Meeting March 2. 1835.

Voted to take up the 17. Article of the Warrant.

The Selectmen then presented a Report of a Location of a Road leading from the Road which pafses from Deac Jacob Jaquiths to Pearley McIntires Saw mill through Land of the Heirs of Simon Marshall Samuel Houghton David Whitemore and others til it intersects the Old Road leading to Ashby—whole length of line 223 Rods—Said Report having been read and the object stated to the Town which was that the Town should have said report laid before the County Commissioners if they thought best in order to induce them to alter the location of the Road from this Town to Ashby onto the same Rout. the above statement is as the Town Clerk understood the object of said Report and the remarks on the same.

Road Report Refered to a Committee.

Voted that the subject of the Report above refered to be refered to a Committee of two to examin into the subject of said Report and Report to the Town at the adjournment

Voted and chose Jonas Marshall
Zachariah Sheldon Committee.

Voted that one more be added to the above committee

Voted and chose Joseph Downe to be added to the committee above.

Article 3. The committee chosen to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the year past then made their Report which follows

Report on Treasury:

Report

The committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and examine the accounts of the Select-men & Overseers of the Poor make the following Report.

1835. Feby 27.th..	Treasurer.	Dr
1834	To balance in his on the last Settlement . .	440.26
March	" Cash Recd. from the overseers of the Poor for state paupers .	17.68
May 15	" " " " Samuel Hilton for the support of Elizabeth Fitzgerald at poor-house	10.34
Aug 14	" " " " Levi Farwell for old plank sold	1.75
Oct 6	" " " " Select-men for licences granted for the exhibition of two Manargeries	11.00
Dec 4	" " "	
	" " " " the Selectmen pd by P. Atherton for burying a horse	1.00
31	" " Borrowed of Joseph Townsend . .	150.00
1835 Jany. 19	" " recd from Benjamin Snow in full for 1830 Tax Bill . . .	37.47
Feby. 14	" " " " State Treasury for Military Services	150.00
	" " " " Manasseh Sawyer . . .	83.76
	" " " on 1832 Tax Bill	43.17
	" " " " 1833. " "	859.32
	" " " " 1834 " "	3464.39
		5270.14

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[79] March 2. 1835.

	Treasurer		Cr.
1834.	By payment of Orders, drawn by the Select-men and Overseers of the Poor		3727.95
Apr. 2d.	" " " Anual Int. to Moses Hale . .		60.00
May 20.	" " " Note & Int. to James Hartwell		521.67
	" " " Anual Int. to Caleb Perry . .		90.—
Nov 10	" " " " " to Joseph Richard-son		24.—
	" " " County Tax		336.71
	" " " Int. on cash borrowed on short time		18.92
	" Discount made on 1834 Tax bill agreeable to vote of the town		152.60
	Viz Amount p^d in Aug.	2371.13	
	Dis 6 pr. ct. . . .	142.26	
	" " " Sept	157.01	
	Dis 4 " "	6.28	
	" " " Oct. & Nov.	203.36	
	Dis 2 pr. ct. . . .	4.06	
	" 1¼ pr ct on 4366.88 Am^t collected on 1832-1833 & 1834 Tax Bill		54.58
			4986.43
	" Ballance in Treasurers hands . .	283.71	

Find due to the following persons, being the principal of their several Notes—viz

	Town	Dr
To Caleb Perry	$1500..00	
" Moses Hale	1000..00	
" Joshua Goodridge . .	651..61	
" Eunice Goodridge . .	166..42	
" Joseph Richardson . .	400..00	
" Joseph Townsend . .	150..00	. . 3868..03
Interest due on the above notes . .		177..68
Due the Select-men & Assessors for their Services		42..00
" the Several School Districts . .		523..05
" on Out standing orders . . .		101..47

" Nathan Ordway for 2 months Services	33..33
" School Committee for their Services the year past	50..00
	4795..56
	1879..75
	2915..81

Cr

By ballance in the Treasurers hands Feby 27. 1835.	283. 71
" ballance Due on 1832 Tax Bill	18..22
" " " " 1833 " "	177..55
" " " " 1834 " "	1388..00
" " " " 1831 " " M. Sawyer	12..27
	1879..75

Ballance against the Town . . $2915..81

Which is Refpectfully Submitted

Jonas Marshall } Committee
Joseph Downe }

David Boutelle Treasurer

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Report Accepted Article 4

Voted that the above Report be accepted.

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Select-men and Assessors the year ensuing.

over.

[80] 1835. Article 4. Committee on Treasury.

Town Meeting March 2d 1835.

Voted and Chose Benjamin Snow
Jonas Marshall
Joseph Downe
Committee to Settle with Treasurer

Article 5. Committee on Poor House Reported

The committee chosen to ascertain the expences of supporting the Poor the past year then made their Report which is on file in this office (the Town Clerks) below is given the particulars of said report. The committee first give an Inventory of property at the Poor-house March 1. 1835 which amounts to

the Sum of $2247.82. Inventory of 1834. was $2033.35.

Expence of Poor 1834. $435.88

Expences of supporting the Poor the year past $435.88.

Number of Poor

The number of Persons Supported the past year 19.

Weeks Support.

Number of weeks they were Supported 689.

The Expences being $435.88 divided by the number of weeks gives a fraction over 63 cents pr. week for supporting each person. After the Report was read it was voted that it be accepted

Article 6

Voted to choose a Committee of three to ascertain the expences of supporting the Poor the year ensuing.

Committee on Poor-house 1835.

Voted and chose Horace Newton
Levi Downe
Daniel Tuttle Committee.

Article 7 $1600—for High-Ways & Bridges

Voted to raise Sixteen hundred Dollars to keep in repair their Highways and Bridges the year ensuing to be laid out as last year

Article 8. $1100. for Schools. & $137 50 See P. 83.

Voted to raise the sum of nine hundred Dollars for the Support of Schools for the year ensuing to be divided equally among the Districts. Also Voted to raise two hundred Dollars in addition to be divided by the Select-men at their discretion among the Large Districts

Article 9. $3500—for Necessary Town Charge

Voted to raise the sum of Thirty five hundred Dollars to defray necessary Town charges the year ensuing.

Article 10. School Com. Reported.

The School Committee chosen last March for the examination of Schools, Teachers &c made their Report which was read and accepted. and is put on file in the Town Clerks Office.

Adjourned

Voted to adjourn this meeting for two weeks Monday the Sixteenth instant at one o'clock P. M.

Adjourned Meeting March 16

Persuant to adjournment the Inhabitants met at the First Parish meeting-house Monday March 16. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator and opened for businefs

Article 11.

Voted to pafs over the 11. Article for the present

Article 12 Voted to choose a committee of three to keep in repair the Bridges the year ensuing.

Bridge Com.te Voted and chose. Joseph Downe, William Carlton, Alpheus Kimball Committee on Bridges.

[81] March 16. 1835.

Article 13 Ring. Bell $20. Voted that the Select-men to authorized to let out the Ringing of one of the Parish Bells at a sum not exceeding twenty Dollars for the year ensuing

Article 14. Voted that the Subject of the 14. Article be refered to the Selectmen.

Article 15. Voted that a Committee of five be chosen to examine into the state of our Fire Department and report at the next Town meeting with their recommendation of some course for the Town to adopt on the Subject

Committee on Fire Department Voted and chose Ebenezer Torrey
Alpheus Kimball
Horace Newton
Joseph Downe
Ivers Phillips Committee

Article 16 Voted to allow Engine men who shall perform the duty required by Law a sum equel to their Poll Tax.

Article 17. Committee on Richardson & McIntire Road Accepted Report This the 17. Article was again taken up when the Committee chosen March 2 on the subject of a road then reported by the Selectmen to the Town made their report in substance as follows that it was inexpedient for the town to accept said report as in their opinion the rout selected by the County Commifsioners was best in every particular and being shorter by 20. Rods. Voted to accept the report of the committee.

Joseph Farwells Road Accepted The Selectmen then made the following Report—

We the Subscribers, Select-men of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town, a Town way as follows: Begining at a maple Tree on the Easterly side of the road leading by the house of Joseph Farwell—Thence S. 11º E. 22. Rods on the westerly line of said Farwells Land to stake and

stones—Thence s. 6° W. 7. Rods 4 links on land of J. Farwell & co to a Gate post—Thence S. 16º W. 8 Rods to stake and Stones—Thence the same course 3 Rods 18 Links to a pine Stump—Thence S 3º E. 10 Rods to pile of stones Thence S. 9° E. 6 Rods to the County Road leading to Ashburnham. Said Road to the fourth bound above mentioned is to be 1½ Rods wide—from the 4th to 6th Bound 2 Rods wide and the last mentioned course to widen gradually to 2½ Rods where it intersects with the last mentioned Road, and the said Joseph Farwell and J. Farwell & co. have released all the damages for laying said Road through their land—Which said Road is hereby Reported to the Town for their acceptance, and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town way, Road to lay on the westerly side of said course.

Dated at Fitchburg this 25th day of February A. D. 1835. Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Cyrus Thurston } Fitchburg

Voted that the above Report be accepted.

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Article 18. Voted that the 18. Article be pafsed over.

Article 19. Horses &c Restraind — Voted that Horses, neat Cattle & Swine be restrained from running at large the year ensuing.

Article 20 Treasurer to Borrow Money — Voted that the Treasurer be authorised to borrow money for the use of the Town the year ensuing

Article 21 H. Surveyors to Collect Taxes in money — Voted that the Highway Surveyors be empowered to collect Taxes which shall not be paid in labor at a time fixed by the Town.

Voted that all Taxes not paid in labor by the first of November shall be paid in Money

Article 22. The following is the Request of Sundry persons belonging to School District Nos 10 & 12. Set forth in the 22 Article of the Warrant.

Request for New School District. Granted. — To the Select-men of the Town of Fitchburg—Gentlemen—

It is hereby requested by the persons whose names are annexed that there be an Article in the Warrant

for the next March meeting to see if the Town will set them off as a Seperate School District togather with their Lands

School District No 13.

Feb. 5th 1835.

Joseph Marshall
William Kilburn
William J. Wheeler
Jacob Meriam
Avery Stockwell
Joseph Whitney
Samuel Litch

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Voted that the above individuals be Set off as a Separate School District agreeable to their request.

Article 23 Road Refered to Bridge Com.

Voted that the subject of the 23. Article be refered to the Bridge Committee.

Voted that the Bridge Committee have all the power with regard to the Subject of this article which the Select-men by Law have.

Article 24

Voted to pafs over the 24 Article in the Warrant.

Article 1.

Voted to take up the first Article when the Town Voted that Abial J. Towne, Abel Farwell and Samuel Carter be excused from serving as Highway Surveyors the year ensuing.

Highway Surveyors Excused and Substitutes chosen

Voted and chose (May 19 s.) Ivers Phillips Asa Brown & May 25 s. Joseph Barrett. as Highway Surveyors in the place of the persons excused above

Article 2.

Voted to take up the 2 Article.

Treasurer Instructed

Voted that the Treasurer be instructed to proceed

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March 16. 1835.

Collection of Taxes. by Law

acording to Law in the collection of all Taxes not paid by the first day of January

Article 8.

Voted to take up the Eighth Article of the Warrant

$137.50 For Schools in Addition

Voted to raise one hundred dollars in addition to the money already raised for the support of Schools to be divided by the Select-men and thirty seven and a half Dollars for the District this day Voted which

is the thirteenth District and the clerk takes the liberty of recording here as District No 13.

Article 11.

Voted to take up the Eleventh Article—the subject of this Article was the admission of the higher branches of Education in our District Schools which produced a lengthy debate which continued til the hour of three P. M. There having been another Town meeting notified at this hour the meeting Voted to adjourn five munits that said meeting might be organized at the expiration of which the subject was again resumed and the following vote was pafsed—

Schools. The Branches to be taught Left with the Districts

Voted That it is not expedient to pafs any Vote regulating the School Districts in town as to the branches of education to be taught therein, but that the matter be left with each District

Voted to Dissolve the meeting which was accordingly done. Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Sealer of Weights & Measures.

To Mr Abijah Hartwell—Sir—The Subscribers, Select-men of Fitchburg hereby appoint you Sealer of Weights &. Measures within and for the town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing.

Fitchburg. April 6th 1835. Nath[l] Wood, Daniel Tuttle, Wm. Carlton } Select-men of Fitchburg.

Oath..

Worcester fs. April 13. 1835. Then personally appeared the above named Abijah Hartwell and took the oath required of a Sealer of Weights & Measures.

Before me Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Clerks Oath.

Worcester fs. March 2. 1835. Then personally appeared Jonas A. Marshall and made oath, That as Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg, he would faithfully and impartially record all votes pafsed in all town meetings during the year and until another Clerk should be chosen and sworn, and also. faithfully, and impartially discharge all the other duties of his Office—Before me Ebenezer Torrey Jus. Peace

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[84] Warrant for Town Meeting. March 16. 1835.

.Seal. .Seal. .Seal. Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the county of Worcester—Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the First Parish meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the Sixteenth day of March Inst. at 3 o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Ar 1st. To choose a Moderator

" 2d. To see if the Town will allow Amos Lawrence any compensation for land & making a road over the same as accepted by said town.

" 3d.. To see if the Town will give back to Jonas Marshall that portion of the land included in the location of a road near his house as accepted by said Town in 1834. which is not embraced in said road as it is now fenced out or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, Eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this Second day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five Nathaniel Wood, Daniel Tuttle, Wm. Carlton } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worcester fs. March 5th 1835. By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warnd the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time place, and for the purposes within directed by posting attested coppies at each Meeting-house in the village in Fitchburg Horace Newton Constable.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 16. 1835.

Pursuant to the above warrant the Inhabitants met at the First Parish meeting-house in Fitchburg March 16. 1835 at 3 O'clock P. M. The meeting was opened by reading the warrant by the clerk when the meeting Voted and chose Deac. Abel Thurston Moderator. the adjourned March meeting not having been finished it was then Voted to adjourn to immediately after the March meeting above mention.—when the meeting was again opened and the 2 Article of the warrant was taken up and it was Voted that the subject of this article be refered to the Selectmen and that they report thereon at a future meeting.

Article 1

" 2 Amos Lawrence Road.

Voted to give back to Mr Marshall the Land not embraced in the Road as it is now fenced as specified in the 3 Article of the Warrant

" 3 Jonas Marshall's Road Land Givn back.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Dissolved

Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[85] May 4. 1835.

Warrant for Town meeting May 4th 1835.

Worcester ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting.

.Seal. .Seal. .Seal.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote for Representatives to the general Court, to meet at the Second Parish meeting-house, in said Town, on Monday, the fourth day of May next at two o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1st. To bring in their written votes on one ticket for three county Commissioners being inhabitants of different towns in said county.

2d To bring in their written votes on one ticket for two special Commissioners.

You are also required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the place aforesaid on said fourth day of May next at three o'clock in the after

noon, then and there to act on the following Articles—

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To see if the the Town will procure a Fire Engine for School District No 3. in said town.

3d To see if the Town will vote that it be necessary to have a measurer or measurers of Fire wood & Bark appointed in said Town

4th To hear the report of their committee chosen at their last town meeting in relation to the fire department in this town and act anything upon said report they deem proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town Eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this Eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

Nathl Wood, Daniel Tuttle, Wm. Carlton } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worcester ſs I hereby cirtify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the meeting-houses in Fitchburg—Fitchburg Apl. 25th 1835. Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[86] 1835 May 4

Town meeting May 4th 1835.

Persuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court aſsembled at the Second Parish Meeting-house in said Town on the fourth day of May 1835 being the first Monday of said month for the purpose of electing three County Commissioners and two Special Commission-

ers for the County of Worcester. Votes were Received, Sorted, Counted, and declaired in open Town meeting by the Selectmen as the Law directs and were for the following persons viz.

County Commission. For County Commissioners

Obadiah Wood	had	Thirty eight	Votes	=38
William Eaton	"	Forty four	"	=44
Zachariah Sheldon	"	Fifty one	"	=51
Abial Jaques	"	Fifty	"	=50
Samuel Mixter	"	Forty nine	"	=49
Ebenezer D. Ammidown	"	Sixty Six	"	=66
John W. Lincoln	"	Fifteen	"	=15
James Draper	"	Three	"	= 3
Jared Weed	"	Six	"	= 6
William Crawford	"	One	"	= 1
Ebenezer Amidown	"	One	"	= 1
Edmund Cushing	"	One	"	= 1
Daniel W. Lincoln	"	One	"	= 1

Special Commission For Special Commissioners

Artemas Lee	had	Thirty five	Votes	=35
Richard Olney	"	Thirty five	"	=35
Rufus Bullock	"	Fifty three	"	=53
Benjamin Devenport	"	Sixty One	"	=61
Ephraim Stone	"	Eight	"	= 8

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 1 Moderator

Pursuant to warrant at 3 o'clock the meeting was opened for Town businefs by reading the Warrant and choosing Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator under the first article of Warrant

" 2 Fire Engine for District No 3. Not Granted.

It was moved and seconded that the town purchase a Fire Engine for District No 3 which after several animated and eloquent speaches sitting fourth the importance of said District its dence population and the proximity of their dwellings and consequent exposier to that devastating element their dwellings being mostly of wood, &c after all these arguments were heard by the Inhabitants of the Town the motion was put and pafs in the negative

" 3. Measurers of Wood & Bark necessary

Voted that it is necessary that measurers of Fire Wood & Bark be appointed in this Town.

" 4 Report of Committee on Fire Department

The committee chosen at the last March Meeting to examine into the state of our Fire department &c then made their report which was accepted and is put on file in this office

$400 For a Fire Engine Conditionally.

Voted that the town appropriate the sum of Four hundred Dollars for the purchase of a new Fire Engine said money to be drawn from the Treasury as soon as a sufficient sum shall be raised by voluntary subscription or otherwise to purchase a good and

[87] May 4. 1835.

Town Meeting May 4. 1835.

efficint Engine—this Vote was pafsed 43. to 33.

Selectmen a Committee on Engine &c.

Voted that the selectmen be a committee to determine when a sufficient sum shall have been raised by subscription or otherwise to purchase such Engine and that the Selectmen be authorised to procure said Engine

Dissolved

Voted that the meeting for Town businefs be dissolved. Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town meeting June 1. 1835.

.Seal. .Seal. .Seal.

Worcester fs. To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court, to meet at the first Parish meeting-house, in said town on Monday, the first day of June next at 3 O'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following article:—

To give in their Votes for a County Commissioner for said County.

You are also required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at said first Parish Meeting-house in said town on said monday the 1st day of June next at 4. O'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d. To see if the Town will permit the school District set off as such at the last March Meeting to unite with a school District in the Westerly part of Lunenburg or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, Eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this eighteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five

Nath^L Wood } Selectmen of
Daniel Tuttle } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchburg May 21. 1835 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes as within directed by posting attested copies of this warrant at each of the meeting-houses in this village at least Eight days before the time for holding said meeting

Horace Newton Constable

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[88] Town Meeting June 1. 1835

Town Meeting. June 1. 1835.

Persuant to the forgoing warrant the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg assembled at the first Parish meeting-house June 1. at 3. o'clock P. M. for the purpose of Electing a county Commissioner Votes were given in to the Selectmen who presided which were sorted, counted, and declared as the Law directs and were for the following persons

For County Commissioner

Jared Weede	had	23	Votes
Edmund Cushing	"	7	"
Zachariah Sheldon	"	6	"
William Crawford	"	1	"
Samuel Mixter	"	1	"

4. O'clock P. M. The meeting was opened for the transaction of the Town businefs in the warrant by reading the warrant and choosing Nathaniel Wood Esqr Moderator

Moderator

School District No 13. Permission to unite with another

Voted to permit the District set off as such at the last March meeting to unite with a school District in the Westerly part of Lunenburg.

Voted to dissolve the meeting for town businefs

Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Warrant for Town Meeting June 29. 1835.

Worcester, fs. To either of the constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote for representatives to the General Court, to meet at the Second Parish meeting-house, in said Town, on Monday, the 29th day of June instant at 4. O'clock in the after noon, then and there to give in their votes for a County Commissioner—And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and seals, this fifteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five.

.Seal.
.Seal.
.Seal.

Nathl. Wood } Selectmen of
Daniel Tuttle } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Worcester, fs. June 15th 1835. I hereby certify that I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Town Meeting June 29. 1835.

Pursuant to the above warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled at the Second parish meeting-house June 29. and gave in their votes

to the selectmen for a County Commissioner which were sorted, counted and declared as the law directs and were for the following persons

County Commission

For County Commissioner

Jared Weed	had	16	Votes
Amory Holman	"	3	"
William Crawford	"	2	"
Zachariah Sheldon	"	4	"

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[89] Warrant for Town Meeting November 9. 1835.

1835. Novm 9. Warrant. .Seal. .Seal. .Seal.

Worcester ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the First Parish meeting-house in said Town, on Monday, the ninth day of November next at ten o'clock in the fore noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

To bring in their votes to the Select-men for a Governor & Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth: and for six Senators on one ballot for the District of Worcester for the year ensuing —

2d. To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose for the present year

3d. To choose one or more Representatives to Represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

Also to act on the following articles.

1st. Eliakim Davis Road.

To see if the Town will accept of a town way laid out by the Selectmen for the use of Eliakim Davis & the Town generally as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones at the end of the Road leading to Edward Smith's, house, on land of said Smith, thence North 13º east 32 Rods, thence North 8º East 18 Rods and 9 links—thence North 13º East 14. Rods & 4 links—thence North 50º East 21½ Rods, all on land of said Smith—thence through said Davis' land

as followes North 50º East 3½ Rods thence North 26º East 26 Rods and 16 links—thence North 31º East 30 Rods—thence North 11º East 47. Rods & 17· links to the road leading to David D. McIntires house, to be two Rods wide & to lie on the Westerly side of said course—

2d Cyntha Farr's Road. To see if the town will accept of another town way laid out by the Selectmen for the use of the Town as follows — Beginning at an Elm Tree near the house of Cynthia Farr thence South 53º 30′— East over the Old Road & through land of Cynthia Farr 16 Rods to the North side of a large rock— thence South 25º 30′ East 7 Rods and 6 links on land of said Cynthia Farr—thence on the same course 26½ Rods over land of Amos Durant thence on the same course over the joint land of said Durant & Thomas Hale 6 Rods and 8 links thence on the same course over land of said Durant 7 Rods & 4 links to the road leading from the meeting-house in said Fitchburg to the house of Daniel Lowe at the Northeasterly corner of said Durant's front fence to his house— to be two Rods wide and to lie on the Northeasterly side of said course —

3d Dr P. S. Snow's Road. To see if the town will accept of another Town way laid out by the Select-men for the use of Dr. Peter S. Snow. and the town generally which is intended as a widening of the Old Road leading by Dea. Enoch Caldwell's house in said Fitchburg as follows—Beginning at a stake and stones at a corner of land of Aaron Eaton & Samuel Smith—thence south 2º west 6½ Rods over land of said Samuel Smith—thence on the same course & over land of said Enoch Caldwell 10 Rods to a stake and stones near the old shop of said Caldwell—said road to be 39. feet wide & to lie on the westerly side of said course—

4th To see if the Town will appropriate the further sum of Five hundred dollars to provide a Fire Engine, Hose, necessary apparatus & Engine Houses or act anything relating thereto.

5th. To see if the Town will choose an Agent or Agents. to attend upon the County Commissioners in making alterations in the county Road leading from this town to Leomenster, with such instructions in regard thereto as said town may see fit to give—or act anything thereon.

[90] Warrant—Town Meeting—November 9.th 1835.

1835. And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty five

Nathl. Wood } Select-men
Daniel Tuttle } of
Wm. Carlton } Fitchburg

Worcester fs—October 26. 1835. I hereby cirtify that I have served this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the meeting-houses in Fitchburg. Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting Novm. 9 1835

Town meeting November 9. 1835.

Fitchburg First Parish Meeting-house November 9. 1835. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to Vote in Elections assembled at the First Parish meetinghouse for the purpose of Giving in their Votes for Governor & Lt Governor of the Commonwealth and for six Senators The meeting was Opened by Reading the warrant. The Selectmen presiding The Votes were Reed. by the Selectmen sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as the law directs. and were as follows.

Governor. For Governor

Edward Everett had One hundred fifty one Votes 151.

Marcus Morton had Eighty five . . . . " 85.
Samuel J. Armstrong had Three . . . . " 3.

Lt. Governor. For Lieutenant Governor
William Foster had Eighty five Votes . . . . 85.
George Hull had One hundred fifty six Votes . 156.

Senators. For Senators
Joseph Thayer had Eighty four Votes . . . . 84.
John Spurr " Eighty six " . . . . 86.
Alexander DeWitt " Eighty five " . . . . 85.
Nathaniel Rand " Eighty four " . . . . 84.
John Boynton " Eighty five " . . . . 85.
Charles Sibley " Eighty five " . . . . 85.
Charles Hudson " One hundred fifty seven Votes 157.
Charles Allen " One hundred fifty eight " 158.
Charles Russell " One hundred fifty five " 155.
Waldo Flint " One hundrd fifty seven " 157.
Linus Child " One hundred fifty eight " 158.
Eathan A. Greenwood " One hundred fifty six " 156.
John Claflin Jr " One Vote . . . . " 1.

Article 2d Voted to send three Representatives the present year. Votes were Recd. sorted, counted & declared as follows.

Representatives First Ballot First Representative
Isaiah Putnam had 124. Votes chosen
Nathaniel Wood " 56. "
Payson Williams " 1. "

[91] Town Meeting November 9. 1835.

1835 Representatives. Second Ballot. For Second Representative
Alvah Crocker had 107. Votes. Chosen.
Levi Farwell " 58. "
Enoch Caldwell " 15. "
Manasseh Sawyer " 2. "
David Boutelle " 1. "

Third Ballot. For Third Representative
Enoch Caldwell had 119. Votes chosen.
William Carlton " 54. "
Levi Farwell " 3. "
Alvah Crocker " 1. "
Manasseh Sawyer " 3. "

Representatives chosen Isaiah Putnam
Alvah Crocker
Enoch Caldwell

Moderator

The meeting was opened for the transaction of Town affairs by reading the Warrant and choosing Nathaniel Wood Esqr Moderator

Article. 1st. Eliakim Davis' Road.

Not Accepted.

The Selectmen then reported to the Town the Road Prayed for by Eliakim Davis as discribed in article first of the warrant for their acceptance. upon which the Town Voted not to accept of said Road.

Article 2. Road. Not Accepted

The Selectmen then Reported another Road leading from Cynthia Farr's to Amos Durant's as discribed in Article Second of the warrant—which by vote was rejected.

Article 3d. Doct Snow's Road. Accepted Conditionally See Record

The Selectmen also Reported another Road Prayed for by Doct Peter S. Snow and discribed in the third Article upon which the Town Voted to accept said Report on condition that Doct Peter S. Snow give bonds to indemnify the Town from any expence for building said Road and for damages for land. the Report says that Mr Samuel Smith through whoes land said Road is laid asks as damage $100. The Selectmen estimate his damage at $30. to be paid by the Town before said Road is opened. Upon which the Town Voted that the subject of damage to be paid Samuel Smith be postponed indefinitely. The above Reports are all on file in this office (Town Clerks)

Article 4th. Fire Engine $500. for. See Page 86.

Voted to appropriate the further sum of Five hundred dollars for the purchase of a Fire Engine—Hose, necessary apparatus and Engine Houses.

$400. Previously Appro for Engine &c

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to lay out the money above appropriated.

Article 5th. Committee to Oppose alteration on Leominster Road.

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to oppose any alteration in the location of the Road leading from this Town to the town of Leominster. Voted and chose Joseph Downe
Jonas Marshall
Nathaniel Wood for said Committee

Instructions

Voted that the Committee have full instructions to make such propositions to improve the Old Road they may see fit Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[92] Officers appointed by the Selectmen 1835.

Measurers of Wood & Bark.

Fitchburg Nov. 30th 1835. We the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have appointed as measurers of Wood and Bark exposed or brought in for sale in the Town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing the following persons viz:

s Walter Johnson	Sworn	December	5th
s Horace Newton	Sworn	"	1st
s John Sawyer	Sworn	"	1st
s Samuel M. Dole	Sworn	"	4th
s John Caldwell	Sworn	"	2d
Nathan Ordway			

before me Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Fees for.

Fees fixed upon by us are 6¼ cents per load.

Nathl Wood } Selectmen
Daniel Tuttle } of
Wm Carlton } Fitchburg

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

1836. Warrant March 7.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 7. 1836

.Seal.
.Seal.
.Seal.

Worcester ſs.. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the second Parish Meeting-house, in said Town on Monday, the seventh day of March next at nine o'clock in the fore noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

3d. To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer Collector or act any thing respecting choosing a Collector they deem proper.

4th. To hear the report of their Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer and Inspect the accounts of their Selectmen & Assessors for the past year.

5th. To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer & inspect the accounts of their Selectmen & Assessors for the year ensuing.

6th. To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their Work-House & Poor establishment for the year past.

7th. To choose a committee to ascertain & Report the expenses of supporting their Poor for the year ensuing.

8th. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their Highways & Bridges for the year ensuing. to determine the method of assessing, collecting & expending the same and act anything thereon they deem proper.

9th. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing & act anything in regard to expending said money they think proper.

10th. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town charges the year ensuing & act anything respecting the same they deem proper.

11th. To hear the report of their School Committee chosen last year for the examination of Schools, Teachers &c.

12th. To see if the town will choose a Committee to keep in repair their Bridges the year ensuing.

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13th. To see if the Town will make any appropriation of money for ringing either of the Parish Bells the year ensuing or act anything thereon.

14th. To see if the Town will allow Engine men who shall perform the duty required by law the year ensuing a sum equel to their poll tax.

15th. To see if the Town will restrain Horses, neat

cattle & swine from running at large the year ensuing within the limits of said town.

16th. To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town for the year ensuing.

17th. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.

18th. To bring in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for said County agreeably to law.

19th. To see if the Town will empower their Highway Surveyors to collect Taxes assessed for repairing the Highways which shall not be paid in labour or otherwise within the time limited by law, or such time as may be agreed upon by the Town; or act anything thereon.

20th. To see if the Town will take any measures to prevent the water from running from the Pond of the Fitchburg Cotton Mill acrofs the new road leading to Ashburnham or act anything thereon.

21st. To see if the Town will pay the expenses for breaking out roads encumbered with snow during the present & past winter or act any thing in regard thereto they deem proper.

22d. To see if the Town will set off Levi Kendall & his farm from School District No 11 & annex him to School District No 10 or act any thing thereon.

23d. To see if the Town will authorise their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor farm for one or more years after the year ensuing or act anything thereon.

24th. To see if the Town will let out any Road or Roads for one or more years to be kept in repair or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six

Nathl Wood
Daniel Tuttle } Select-men of Fitchburg
Wm Carleton

Worcester ſs February 22^{d} 1836 I hereby certify that I have served this warrant by posting up attested coppies thereof at each of the meeting-houses in Fitchburg.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1836. March 7.

Town Meeting March 7th 1836.

Fitchburg Second Parish Meetinghouse March 7th 1836 9 O'clock A. M.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled as above the meeting was opened and organised by reading the Warrand and choosing Col. Ivers Phillips Moderator.

Article 1st. Moderator.

Persuant to custom Prayers were then offered by Revr. Joshua Emery.

Article 2d. Town Clerk. Oaths. Sign of

Voted and Chose s Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk. who was sworn in open Town meeting and all other Officers of whom an Oath is by law required who were sworn into office in open Town Meeting have the letter s prefixed to their respective names and all others have the date on which they were qualified preceding the s. the following is the certificate of the Town Clerks Oath. Then personally appeared Jonas A. Marshall and took the oath as clerk for the town of Fitchburg before me.

Certificate of Town Clerks Oath

Fitchburg March 7th 1836

Joseph Downe Justice of the Peace.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Treasurer.

Voted and Chose s David Boutelle Town Treasurer.

Voted to choose three Select-men. The Selectmen of last year all declining to be candidates for said office.

Select-men. Voted and Chose s Manasseh Sawyer, s Alpheus Boutelle, s Amos Durant } Select-men

Adjournment Voted to adjourn to One O'clock P. M..

1. O'clock P. M. meeting was opened persuant to adjournment.

Voted to choose three Assessors.

Assessors. Voted and chose Chedorlaomer Marshall, Abel Thurston, Joshua Goodridge } Assessors.

Overseers of Poor. Voted to choose three Overseers of the Poor.

Voted and chose s Chedorlaomer Marshall, s Joshua Goodridge, s Josiah Sheldon } Overseers of Poor.

Highway Surveyors Past Over. Voted to pafs over the choosing of Highway Surveyors for the present.

Cul. Hoops & Staves. Voted and chose s Jeremiah Kinsman Jr, s Joseph F. Hovey } Cullers of Hoops & Staves.

Fence Viewers. Voted and chose Charles Russell, s Thomas Harris, s William Bemis } Fence Viewers.

Surveyors of Lumber Voted and chose s John H. Wheeler, s Josiah Sheldon, s Ephraim Osborn Jr } Surveyors of Lumber.

Pound Keeper. Voted and chose s Edmund Davis Pound Keeper.

Tything-men Voted and chose Daniel Lowe, Aaron Eaton, Joel Page, Oliver Fullum, s Azariah Fuller } Tythingmen.

Constables. Voted and chose s Alpheus Kimball, s Horace Newton } Constables.

Field Drivers Voted & chose (Mar 9 s. Ross C. Stephens, Charles Russell, Abram. Osborn, Samuel Smith, (May 11. s Oliver Fullum } Field Drivers

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1836. March 7. Fire Wards. Voted and chose Alpheus Kimball
Jonas A. Marshall
Zachariah Sheldon
Amos Durant
John H. Wheeler
Abial J. Towne
David Boutelle
Alvah Crocker
Ivers Phillips
Samuel Hawes
Amos Hill Firewards.

Voted to pospone the choosing of School Committee to the adjournment.

Article 8. Voted to take up the Eighth article in the warrant. On motion of Nathaniel Wood Esq Voted that a committee of five be chosen to consider and report on the subject of the Eighth Article at the adjournment.

Committee. Voted and chose Nathaniel Wood Esq
Abial J. Town "
Daniel Works
Charles Beckwith
Francis Perkins "

Voted to add three to the above
Chose William Carleton
Joshua Goodridge
Isaac B. Woodard
Said Committee.

Adjournment March 28. Voted to adjourn three weeks from this day at 9. o'clock A. M. (March 28.)

Second Parish Meeting-house March 28. 1836. 9 o'clock A. M. The meeting was opened persuant to adjournment when it was voted to adjourn the meeting to the First Parish Meeting-house immediately. the meeting was opened at the First Parish Meeting-house according to adjournment.

Article 1st. The subject of School Committee was first taken up under the first Article When it was voted to

Committee to Nominate School Committee.

choose a committee of three to nominate a list for School Committee. chose Joseph Upton, Francis Perkins, and Joseph Downe said committee.

Assessors. Declined.

The Gentlemen chosen Assessors on the sevnth instant declined serving and were excused by a vote of the Town.

No Assessors. Reconsidered.

Voted not to choose any Assessors the year ensuing.

Article 3d.

Voted to take up the 3 Article.

Collector

Voted that the Treasurer be collector.

Article 4.

The committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the past year then made their Report which Follows.

Report of Com on Treasury &c.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, Select-men, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the year past submit the following Report

Treasurer	Dr.
To ballance in his hands on the last Settlement	283..71
" Cash paid by Phineas Sawyer highway Surveyor for 1834. being money in his hands unexpended	..42
" Cash Recd of the Selectmen it being for Licnces granted for various exhibitions the year past	23..08

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" Cash Recd. from the State Treasury for Military Services.	230..—
" Cash Recd. of Manasseh Sawyer in full for 1831. tax bill	12..27
" Cash Recd. in full for 1832. tax bill . .	18..22
" " " on . . 1833 " " . . .	140..36
" " " on . . 1834 " " . . .	1297..79
" " " on . . 1835 " " . . .	4950..00
" " Borrow[d] for the use of town . . .	1065..00
	8020..85

Treasurer	Cr
By payment of orders drawn by Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor	6846..39
" payment of Anual interest to Moses Hale	60..—
" " " Caleb Perry interest up to Jany 16th 1836	145..—
" payment of Anual interest to Joshua & Eunice Goodridge	48..53
" payment of Anual interest to Joseph Richardson	24..—
" payment of Note & Int. to Joseph Towsend	208..—
" payment of Interest on Short loans . .	12..—
" Discount made on 1835 tax bill agreeable to vote of the town for prompt payment	203..45
" Collection on the several tax bills the year past amounting to $6406..37. @ 1¼ pr ct	80..08
	7627..45
By bal^e carried to new act.	393..40
	8020..85
Your Committee find the Town indebted to the following persons by Notes on interest	4933..02
Viz to Moses Hale 1000. John L. Perry 1500 Joshua Goodridge 651..61 Eunice Goodridge 166..42 Joseph Richardson 400— John Whitcomb 165.. Abijah Goodridge 350. Charles Sawtell 200. Fitchburg Bank 500	
Interest due on the above on the 1st instant	112..40
Due the Select-men, assessors and Overseers of the Poor for their Services . . .	000..00
" " Several School Districts	448..84
" on out Standing orders	51..10
" Nathan Ordway for two months Services	33..33
" for County Tax for 1835	336..71
" towards Westminster Roads	578..52
	6493..92

By ballance in the Treasurers hands 3d inst—	393..40
" " due on 1833. tax bill	37..19
" " " " 1834 " "	90..21
" " " " 1835 " "	223..79
" Estimated amount due from County . .	900..00
	1644..59
Ballance against the town	4849..33
	6493..92

March 3d 1836.. Jonas Marshall, Joseph Downe, Benjamin Snow } Committee.

Attest. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

R. Accepted. The above Report was read and accepted by vote of the meeting.

Article 5th. Voted to choose a Committee of three to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Select-men and Assessors for the year ensuing.

Committee on Treasury.. Voted and chose Jonas Marshall
Joseph Downe
Walter Johnson Said Committee.

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March 28. 1836.

Expense of Poor for 1835. $832..55. The Committee on Work House and Poor establishment then made their Report which was accepted. The committee reported that the whole expense of poor the year past $832.55 whole number of persons supported 22. Number of weeks they were supported 852.. everage Expense pr week for Each .98 cts For further particulars see Report which is on file in this office.

Article 7th. Voted to choos a Committee of three to ascertain and Report the expenses of of the Poor the year ensuing.

Committee on Poor House. Voted and chose Horace Newton
John Whitcomb
Levi Farwell Said Committee.

Article 8th. The committee chosen at the last meeting March 7. on the subject of the Eighth Article in the war-

Abstract of Report of Committee on Roads.

rant then made their report which was full, able, and lengthy on the subject of roads and the best method of keeping them in repair—closing with the following recommendation which is extracted from their Report viz. (From the Report) "Your committee recommend that the sum of $1650. be raised, assessed & collected in the same manner as our other town & county taxes are—for the purpose of keeping our highways & bridges in good repair during the year ensuing—both Summer & winter—That the Town choose no highway Surveyors nor bridge committee as they have heretofore done—But choose by Ballot a committee of three persons, who shall have the sole charge & superintendance of all the Roads & bridges during the year ensuing—and have authority to draw orders upon the Treasurer for moneys to be expended in keeping said highways & bridges in repair to the amount of said $1650. and shall keep a record of said orders & of all their expenses and be immediately responsible to the town for all their doings—That said three persons chosen as aforesaid, shall be called the Committee of Highways and shall have authority to let out to be kept in repair for one or more & not exceeding five years such sections of roads & bridges as they see fit.

All which is respectfully submitted

March 28. 1836. Nath^L Wood pr order

Report Accepted

The Report after being read it was Voted that the Report be accepted and that the recommendations in the same be adopted (See above).

Voted that the committee of Highways be increased from three as named in the Report to five.

Voted that a Committee of five be chosen to nominate a list for the Committee of Highways.

Chose Jonas Marshall
Joseph Downe
Levi Farwell
William Carlton
Joshua Goodridge } Said Nominating Committee.

Article 2d

Voted to take up the Second Article and choose School Committee—the Committee chosen for the purpose of Nominating a List reported the following names for School Committee viz

Revr Calvin Lincoln
" Joshua Emory Jr
" L. O. Lovell
Artemas Rogers Esq
Doct Thomas R. Boutelle.

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The Report of the Committee chosen to nominate a list for School Committee was accepted by choosing by ballot as the law directs.

School Committee

Revr Calvin Lincoln
" Joshua Emory Jr
" L. O. Lovell
Artemas Rogers Esq
Doct Thomas R. Boutelle School Committee.

Voted to reconsider the vote pafsed this morning not to choose any Assessors the year ensuing.

Assessors.

Voted and chose s Manasseh Sawyer
s Alpheus Boutelle
s. Amos Durant Assessors.

Voted to choose five more Field-Drivers.

Field-drivers in Addition.

Voted & chose s Isaac B. Woodard
James Hartwell
s Samuel D. Phelps
Barker Gibson
s Aaron Wheeler
Field-drivers in addition.

Voted to choose two more Surveyors of Lumber.

Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted and chose s Tyler Younglove
(May 12 s.) Abijah Hartwell
Surveyors of Lumber

Adjournment

Voted to adjourn one hour.

1. o'clock P. M the meeting was opened persuant to adjournment.

Article 8.

The Committee chosen in the fore noon for the

Nomination of candidates for Road Committee Reported the following list

Francis Perkins
Levi Farwell
William Kilburn
Isaac B. Woodard
David Boutelle all of whome declined being Candidates for that office.

The Committee then reported the following list of names.

Artemas Rogers
Nathaniel Wood
Isaiah Putnam
Charles Beckwith
Daniel Lowe.

Votes were then Reed, sorted, counted and declared as the law directs when it was found that the following persons were chosen—

Committee of Highways.

Artemas Rogers
Nathaniel Wood Declined & Joseph Upton
Isaiah Putnam } chosen in place. }
Charles Beckwith } See next Page }
Daniel Lowe Committee of Highways

$1650. for Highways & Bridges.

Voted to Raise the sum of Sixteen hundred and fifty dollars for the support of Highways & Bridges the year ensuing to be assessed & collected in the same manner as our other town taxes.

Article 9. $1237.50 for Schools.

Voted to raise twelve hundred & thirty seven and a half dollars for the support of Schools to be laid out as last year

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Article 10. $3500. for Town Charges.

Voted to Raise thirty five hundred dollars to defray necessary Town Charges the year ensuing.

Article 11.

Voted to pafs over the Eleventh Article in the warrant.

Article 12.

Voted that the twelfth Article be pafsed over.

Article 13.

Voted to appropriate the sum of twenty dollars for ringing one of the parish Bells the ensuing year.

Article 14.

Voted the foreteenth Article be pafsed over.

Article 15. Voted that Horses, Neat Catle & Swine be restrained from running at large the year ensuing.

Article 16. Voted that the Treasurer be authorised to borrow money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

Article 17. Voted that the seventeenth be paſsed over.

Article 18. Voted to paſs over the Eighteenth Article in the warrant.

Article 19. Voted that the Nineteenth Article be paſsed over.

Article 20. Voted to paſs over the Twentieth Article.

Article 21. Breaking out Roads. Voted that the Select-men be authorised to draw orders for breaking out roads encumbred with snow during the present & past winter where they have worked under the authority of Highway Surveyors and also in two districts where in one the Highway Surveyor is dead and in the other has moved from Town, that the Select-men act their discretion.

Article 22. Levi Kendal set of from No 11. to No 10 Voted that Levi Kendall and his farm be set off from School District Number Eleven (No. 11.) and annexed to School District Number ten (No 10).

Article 23. Overseers of Poor to contract &c. Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorised to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm for one or more years not exceeding five after the year ensuing.

Article 24. Voted to paſs over the twenty forth Article in the warrant.

Article 8. Mr Wood Declined Voted to take up the Eighth Article when Mr Wood who was chosen one of the committee of Highways declined serving on said Committee.

Joseph Upton Chosen Road C. Voted & chose Joseph Upton in place of Mr Wood.

Article 3. Taxes. Discount. Treasurers fees. Instructions &c Voted to take up the third Article in warrant.

Voted that the same Discount be made on Taxes for prompt payment and that the Treasurer have the same compensation for his services and have the same instructions as last year.

Voted to add (¼) a quater of one per cent to the compensation of the Treasurer for his services. making his fees for Treasurer & Collector 1½ One & a half Pr cent.

☞ Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest. Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Warrant March 28. 1836.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 28th 1836.

Worcester, fs March 19th 1836. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the 2d Parish Meeting-house, in Said Town, on Monday the 28th day of March Inst. at 3 o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

1st. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2d. To choose a committee if the Town see fit to confer with a committee chosen by the Town of Leomenster in relation to a union of the Town of Fitchburg and the Town of Leomenster for the purpose of supporting their Paupers, or act anything in relation to said proposed union.

3d. To see if the Town will take any measures to cause any part of the road to be made, which was laid out by the County Commissioners leading from Fitchburg to Ashby or act anything respecting said Road they deem proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the Public Meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this 19th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.

Manasseh Sawyer
Alpheus Boutelle
Amos Durant
} Select-men of Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. March 19th 1836. I hereby cirtify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to assemble at the time and place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up Attested copies of

this warrant at each of the meetinghouses in the centre of Fitchburg.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.

Second Parish Meeting-house March 28, 1836. 3. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened by reading the warrant and acting on the 1st Article by choosing Col Ivers Phillips Moderator.

Article 1st.

Voted to adjourn to the first Parish meeting-house forthwith.

The meeting was opened at the First Parish meeting-house pursuant to adjournment.

Article 2d.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to confer with a committee chosen by the town of Leomenster in relation to a proposed union for the support of their Poor. Chose Jonas Marshall
Nathaniel Wood
Levi Farwell Said Committee

Article 3d.

Voted to pafs over the 3d Article.

Dissolved

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest. Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Warrant for Town Meeting June 29. 1836.

Seal.
Seal.
Seal.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the 1.st. Parish Meeting-house, in said town, on Wednesday the 29th day of June inst. at 1. o'clock in the after noon then and there to act on the following articles:—

1st

To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2d

To see if the Town will accept of a Road or any part of a Road as prayed for by Rofs C. Stephens and others. Beginning on the west side of the road pafsing by Thomas Eatons house at a large stone in the ground thence to the house of Abel Bruce, thence

to the house of Rofs C. Stephens pafsing through land of Thos Eaton, Abel Bruce & Assignees of Z. Sheldon & Rofs C. Stephens or act any thing thereon.

3d. To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Select-men as prayed for by Joseph Richardson and others: beginning on the southerly side of the road leading from Jacob Jaquiths to Perley Me.Intire's Saw-Mill thence through land of Ebenezer Hutchinson, Saml Houghton Jacob Jaquith & D. Whitemore & I. Wheeler to the Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashby or act any thing thereon.

4th To See if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Select-men as prayed for by Ebenezer Hutchinson & others beginning at an Elm tree near Cynthia Farrs house thence through land of said Cynthia, Amos Durant & Durant and Hale to the road pafsing by said Durant's house or act any thing thereon.

5th. To see if the town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen as pray'd for by Luther Maynard and others beginning on the road leading to said Maynards house thence to the new County road leading to Westminster and act any thing in regard to discontinuing the Old Road as pray'd for by said Maynard.

6th To see if the town will accept a Road laid out by their Select-men near Isaiah Putnams as prayed for by said Putnam or act anything in regard to said road and a Bridge to be built on said new rout they deem proper.

7th To see if the town will take any measures to build a Town-house or act any thing thereon they deem proper.

8th To hear the report of their Committee chosen on the 28th day of March last to confer with a Committee of Leominster in relation to a union of the Towns of Fitchburg & Leominster in regard to the support of—

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their paupers, and act anything upon said Report or in regard to said union they deem proper.

9th To see if the town will make any appropriation to improve the Road. at the great Hill (so called) near David Whitemores or act any thing thereon they deem proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this 17th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.

Manafseh Sawyer
Alpheus Boutell } Select-men of Fitchburg.
Amos Durant

Fitchburg June 18th 1836. By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warnd the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote by law as within directed by posting attested coppies of this warrant at the several meeting houses in this village.

H. Newton Constable.

June 29, 1836. Town meeting.

Town Meeting June 29. 1836.

Fitchburg First Parish Meeting-house June 29th 1836. 1 O'clock P. M. The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg met at the above time and place pursuant to the above Warrant. the meeting was opened by reading the warrant and acting upon the first Article.

Article 1st Voted and chose Col Ivers Phillips Moderator.

Article 2d Ross. C. Stephens Road Reported By Selectmen.

The petition of Rofs C. Stephens and others and the Report of the Select-men thereon was then read and there appearing a small mistake in the report it was voted that said report be recommitted to the Select-men for alteration—the mistake was corrected

by the Selectmen and returned—which Report her follows

Report. We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg having given legal notice to all persons interested as will appear by the above petition our order thereon & the certificate of Rofs C. Stephens, have laid out for the use of said Town a town way as follows:—Beginning at the road pafsing by Thomas Eatons house by a stone thence North 47º west 21. rods thence north 4º 15ᵐ West 8 rods 4 Links to stake thence N. 8º 15ᵐ east 12 rods 5 links through Thomas Eatons land to stone wall thence N. 10º east 21. rods on Abel Bruce land, thence N. 10º east 5 rods 8 links N. 3º West 4 Rods thence N. 26º west 6 rods 6 links

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1836. through land of Rofs C. Stephens thence N. on Abel Bruce land 53º 30ᵐ West 22 rods 16 links thence N. 53º 30ᵐ West 3 Rods 20 links N. 46º 15ᵐ West 18 rods thence N 64º west 17 rods 3 links thence N. 68º 30ᵐ west 20 rods thence N. 40º 30ᵐ west 3½ rods to land of Zacheriah Sheldon thence due north 39½ rods through said Sheldons land thence the same course on land of Rofs C. Stephens 29 rods to corner of the wall oposite of said Stephens house to be 2 rods wide and to lie on the notherly & Easterly side of said course—And we estimate no damage to the said Thomas Eaton, and the said Bruce & said Stephens released all damage for laying said road through his land, and we estimate no damage to said Sheldon for laying said road through his land:—which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this 19th day of June A. D. 1836.

Manasseh Sawyer, Alpheus Boutelle, Amos Durant } Select-men of Fitchburg.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Proposals of Ross C. Stephens

After the above Report was read Mr Stephens made the following proposals to the town viz: That he the said Rofs C. Stephens would make 40 Rods of the upper end of said road and also fill a hollow of about six Rods on his own land in the woods below the house of Mr Abel Bruce all to the acceptance of the Select-men—when the town voted to accept the above Report of the Select-men provided Mr Stephens give bonds to the Town to fulfil what he has offered above.

Road. Accepted Conditionally.

Road to be built in One Year.

Voted that said Road be built within one year from this day to the acceptance of the Selectmen.

Let Out by Selectmen.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to let out the building of said Road to the lowest bidder after due notice given.

Article 3. J. Richardson's Road, Reported. Not Accepted.

The Petition of Joseph Richardson and Others and the Report of the Selectmen thereon as discribed in the third Article was read to the town—after much consideration and some debate a (rout for a county road to Ashby having been viewed by the County Commissioners near the rout Reported by the Selectmen was an objection to said Report—) when the Town Voted not to accept said Report.

Article 4. Ebenezer Hutchinson Road Reported. & Rejected.

Voted to pafs over the fourth Article. but upon consideration the town Voted to reconsider the last Vote—when the Town heard the Report of the Selectmen of the Road prayed for by Ebenezer Hutchinson and others—upon which the Town Voted to lay the Report on the Table and pafs the fourth Article over.

Article 5th. Luther Maynard Road.

The petition of Luther Maynard and Others and the Report of the Select-men thereon was read—upon which Mr Thomas Upton offered to do ten dollars towards said new road—The Town then Voted to accept the Road as Reported or the Report of the Select-men.

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1836. Luther Maynard's Road. Accepted.

provided said Road be built to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the first of November next at an ex-

pense to the town not exceeding fifty cents pr Rod. Thomas Upton then offered in Open Town meeting to build said Road for fifty cents per Rod.

Maynards Old Road Discontin.

Voted to discontinue the old Road mentioned in said Report when the New Road shall be finished. The following is the report of the Select-men on the petition of Luther Maynard & others.

Road. Report of Selectmen L. Maynard & Others Petitioners.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg having given legal notice to all persons interested as will appear by the above petition our order thereon and the certificate of Luther Maynard, have proceeded & viewed the old road for discontinuance & laid out for the use of the town a new road as prayed for in said petition as follows. Beginning at a stake and stones on the notherly side of the road leading to Luther Maynards house thence North 22º east 29. Rods & 18 links on land of said Maynard to the new county road leading to Westminster. said Road is to be two Rods wide and to lie on the easterly side of said course. And the said Maynard releases all damages for laying said Road through his land and when said Road shall be made and accepted by the Town so much of the old Road as is specified in the annexed petition is to be discontinued. Which said Roads are hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when said new Road is accepted & Recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this 17th day of June A. D. 1836.

Manasseh Sawyer
Alpheus Boutelle
Amos Durante
} Selectmen of Fitchburg.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Petition of Luther Maynard and Others.

N. B. The Old Road discontinued above not being particularly discribed in the Report of the Selectmen above but refering to the petition for a description the Clerk has thought it necessary in this case

to record said Petition which is as follows: To the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg The Subscribers request you to proceed according as the law directs to view & locate a new Town way beginning about twelve Rods Easterly of the Barn of Luther Maynard at the road now leading to his house thence acrofs said Maynards land in the best direction to the new County Road leading to Westminster that the same may be reported to & accepted by said town of Fitchburg as a town road—Also at the same time to view and discontinue the present road which leads to said Maynards from the said new County Road to the place where the contemplated new town road aforesaid turns out of the same

Fitchburg Jany 15 1836. Signed by Luther Maynard and Others

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Article 6. I. Putnams Road. Committee on

The Report of the Selectmen on the Road prayed for by Isaiah Putnam was then read upon which it was voted that the subject of this article be refered to a committee who shall be empowered to contract or make any bargain with Mr Putnam which they think for the interest of the Town. Voted that the Selectmen be said committee to confer with Mr Putnam. Voted that two be added to this committee. Voted and chose Francis Perkins and Levi Farwell on said committee.

Article 7. Town House Committee on.

Voted to choose a Committee of five to consider the subject of the 7 Article the building of a Town House and to report at an adjournment of this meeting the best course for the town to take on the subject of said Town house—to report plans, estimates &c in full.

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to nominate the above Committee. Voted that the Selectmen be that committee. The Selectmen subse-

quently reported the following list as their nomination who were chosen by the Town as follows.

Artemas Rogers
Isaiah Putnam
Abial J. Town
Abel Thurston
Martin Newton Committee on Town house.

Article 8th. Subject of Poor—Support of Jointly with Leominster.

The committee of conference mentioned in the 8th Article of the warrant made some statement to the Town of what they had done—when it was Voted that the further consideration of this Article be postponed to the adjournment of this meeting

Article 9.

Voted to pafs over the ninth Article of the warrant.

Adjournment

Voted to adjourn the meeting to Saturday the 6th day of August next at four O'clock P. M.

August 6th 1836 4 O'clock P. M. at First Parish Meeting-house the meeting was opened at the above time and place persuant to adjournment.

Article 6th. Report of Com. on I. Putnams Road.

The Six Article was first taken up when the Committee chosen June 29 last to whome the subject of this Article was refered stated that they had not been able to make any contract with Mr Putnam nor did they see any prospect of making such contract with him the said Putnam—when it was Voted that said committee be discharged from any further duty on the subject.

Article 7. Town House Not build

The committee on the subject of building a Town House made a verbal Report that it was inexpedient for the Town to build a Town House at this time—when it was Voted that the committee be discharged.

Selectmen to procure place for T. meetings

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to procure a place for future meetings.

Article 8.

Voted not to unite with Leominster in support of Poor.

Dissolved.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[106] Warrant for Town Meeting August 6, 1836.

1836. August 6. :Seal: :Seal:

Worcester, ſs. July 26. 1836. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester—Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the first Parish meeting-house, in said town on Saturday the sixth day of August next at 3. o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To see what measures the town will adopt in regard to the two unfinished new Roads from this Town to Westminster or act anything in regard to said Roads they may deem proper.

3d. To see if the Town will not require of their Committee of High-ways good and sufficient reasons for permitting our roads to be much more out of repair than usual.

4th. To see what investigation, if any, the Town will direct as to the causes that have heretofore operated or do now operate, to the damage of the road acroſs what is called the muster field for which individuals may be liable, and also what directions the town will give in regard to the repair of said road or act anything relative thereto.

5th. To see what measures the town will adopt in relation to widening the road, as reported by the Select-men of last year, over land of Samuel Smith, on the petition of Peter S. Snow and whether if it might be the effect of the proceedings heretofore had in relation to it, to establish such widening as a Town way unleſs said Snow should agree with said Smith for the land they will vote to discontinue the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this twenty sixth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six

Alpheus Boutell } Select-men
Amos Durant } of Fitchburg

Fitchburg July 29th 1836 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote as within directed to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes within directed by posting attested coppies of this warrant at each of the meeting-houses in this village.

Horace Newton Const

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Town Meeting August 6. 1836.

Fitchburg First Parish Meeting-house August 6. 1836 at 3. o'clock P. M the Town assembled pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. the meeting was opened by reading the warrant and choosing Nathan Ordway Esq Moderator under the first Article.

Article 1.

Article 2d. Directions to Committee on Roads to Westminster.

On taking up the Second Article of the warrant Nathaniel Wood Esq chairman of the committee on the two unfinished new Roads to Westminster made a Statement to the town of the situation said roads were in—that they were unfinished—that they had not been able to get the contractors to finish their Jobs. when on motion of Joseph Down Esq. Voted that the committee chosen to superintend the making said new roads to Westminster be directed to proceed forthwith to complete said Roads to the acceptance of the County Commissioners.

Article 3d. Call upon the Com. of High-ways Roads.

Voted that the Committee of Highways be called upon to render good and sufficient reasons why our Roads are much more out of repair than usual upon the passing of the above vote Artemas Roggers Esq chairman of said committee said he should call upon

the Town to show that it is a fact that the roads are not in as good repair as usual—but waveing the call he would state that he knew of no cause—if that was a fact—except the large and sudden rains of late.

Adjournment one hour.

Voted to adjourn one hour. The meeting was at the end of an hour opened persuant to adjournment. The subject of the third Article was resumed and much was said on the state of the different roads in town and on the method the town have adopted to keep their Highways in repair—the debates on this subject continued to so late an hour it was Voted to adjourn the meeting to the second Monday in November next at five o'clock P. M..

Adjourned to November 14. 1836.

First Parish Meeting-house November 14. 1836. 5 o'clock. P. M. the meeting was opened by the Moderator persuant to adjournment.

Article 4.

The fourth Article was called up when it was voted that the subject of this Article be refered to the Committee of Highways and that they report at the adjournment.

Adjourned to November 23

Voted to adjourn to the twenty third instant at 3. O'clock P. M.

First Parish Meeting-house November 23. 1836 at 3. o'clock P. M. the meeting was opened by N. Ordway the moderator persuant to adjournment.

Article 4.

The Committee of Highways to whome the subject of this Article was refered at the last town meeting were not prepared with a report as was stated by one of that Committee some of their number having been absent most of the time since the last meeting—when the town voted that the subject of said Article be recommitted to the same committee with the same instructions as before and report at the adjournment of this meeting

Article 5.

Voted that the 5 Article be pafsed over.

Voted to adjourn to December (21st) twenty first at 2: o'clock P. M.

[108] Adjournment of Town Meeting of August 6. 1836.

1836. December 21. Adjournment Moderator P. T.

First Parish meetinghouse December 21. 1836. at 2. oclock P. M. the moderator being absent the meeting was opened by the clerk when the meeting Voted and chose Abel Thurston moderator Pro Tem.

Article 4. Committee of H. W. Report on muster field Road.

The Committee of Highways to whome the subject of the 4 Article of the warrant was refered made their report which is on file in the Town Clerks office—after much conversation on the subject of damage to the road acrofs the muster field so called by the water from the pond of the Fitchburg cotton mill it was

Voted that a Committee be chosen to seek a legal remedy for the damage to the road acrofs the muster field by the water from the pond of the Fitchburg Cotton mill.

Committee on Muster field Road. Damage to &c

Voted that said committee consist of three.

Voted and chose Nathaniel Wood Esq
Levi Farwell
William Carlton said committee.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov. 14. 1836.

To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg:

Seal. Seal.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the First Parish meetinghouse in said Town on monday the 14th day of November next at (11.) eleven O'clock in the fore noon, being the second Monday of said month.

1st

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for six Senators, on one ballot, for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing.

2d

To bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for fourteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, all on one ticket.

3d To bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to Congrefs for District N° 5.

4th To determine the number of Representatives said town will choose for the present year.

5th To choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

6th To bring in their Votes to the Select-men by Yeas and Nays on the proposed Amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meetinghouses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and seals, this 29th day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty six

Alpheus Boutell } Selectmen
Amos Durant } of Fitchburg

Oct 29. 1836. By virtue of the within Warrant I notified and warned the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the time, place and for the purposes within directed by posting attested coppies of this warrant at each of the meeting houses in this village at least at least fourteen days before the time of holding said meeting.

Horace Newton Const.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[109] Town Meeting Novm. 14. 1836.

1836. Town Meeting November 14.

Fitchburg First Parish meetinghouse November 14. 1836 at 11. O'clock A. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by the Selectmen as above, the warrant was read by the Town Clerk after which the List of Voters was read by Select-men after which the Inhabitants were called upon to bring in their Votes under the first Article

in the Warrant. the Votes when Sorted, counted were declared as follows.

Votes For Governor

Whole number of Votes given in for Governor was (297.)

For Governor Edward Everett had 160. Votes
Marcus Morton " 137. "

Lt. Governor

For Lieutenant Governor Whole number of Votes 296.
George Hull had 160. Votes
William Foster " 136. "

Senators.

For Senators Whole number of Votes 294.

Charles Hudson	had	162.	Votes
Charles Russell	"	162.	"
Charles Allen	"	163.	"
Linus Child	"	163.	"
Ethan A. Greenwood	"	162.	"
William Hancock	"	163.	"
Alexander De-Witt	"	131.	"
John Spurr	"	131.	"
Joseph Knox	"	131.	"
Sullivan Sumner	"	131.	"
Nathaniel Wood	"	130.	"
Charles Sibley	"	130.	"

Electors.

For Electors of President & Vice President. of United States Whole number of Votes 280.

At Large	Nathaniel Silsbee	had	162.	Votes
	Edward A. Newton	"	162.	"
	Nathan Willis	"	118.	"
	Seth Whitmarsh	"	118.	"
Districts No 1.	Samuel Appleton	"	162.	"
	Caleb Eddy	"	118.	"
" No 2.	Leverett Saltonstall	"	162.	"
	Robert Rantoul	"	118.	"
" No 3.	Benjamin Walker	"	162.	"
	Joseph Kittredge	"	118.	"
" No 4.	Loammi Baldwin	"	162.	"
	Francis Tuttle	"	118.	"
" No 5.	Joseph G. Kendall	"	161.	"
	Samuel Taylor	"	118.	"
" No 6.	Samuel Lee	"	162.	"

		Samuel C. Allen	" 118.	"
"	No 7.	Thomas Longley	" 162.	"
		Joseph Fitch	" 118.	"
"	No 8.	Isaac C. Bates	" 162.	"
		Harvey Chapin	" 118.	"
"	No 9.	Bazaleel Taft	" 162.	"
		Benjamin P. Williams	" 118.	"
"	No 10.	Howard Lothrop	" 162.	"
		Nathan C. Brownell	" 118.	"
"	No 11.	Charles W. Morgan	" 162.	"
		Thomas Mandell	" 118.	"
"	No 12.	Charles J. Holmes	" 162.	"
		Jabez P. Thomson	" 118.	"

[110] Town Meeting November 14. 1836.

1836. Representative to Congress.

For Representative to Congress for District No 5. Whole number of Votes 259.

Levi Lincoln had 158. Votes.
Jubal Harrington " 101. "

Article 4.

Voted to choose three Representatives for the present year.

Representatives.

Voted to choose them by single ballots. Voted that the poll be kept open on each ballot thirty munits.

Article 5.

For first Representative Whole number of Votes 284.

Alvah Crocker had 147. Votes chosen
Isaiah Putnam " 131. "
Nathaniel Wood " 2. "
Francis Perkins " 1. "
Samuel Willis " 3. "

Voted that the poll be kept open 15 munits for 2d Representative

For Second Representative Whole number of Votes 278.

Nathaniel Wood had 115. Votes
Isaiah Putnam " 97. "
Francis Perkins " 64. "
Nathan A. Tufts " 1. "
Levi Downe " 1. " no choise

Second Ballot for Second Representatives whole number of Votes 281.

Nathaniel Wood had 118. Votes
Isaiah Putnam " 108. "
Francis Perkins " 53. "
Samuel Willis " 2. " no choise

Third Ballot for Second Representatives whole number 280. Votes
Isaiah Putnam had 151. Votes chosen
Nathaniel Wood " 114. "
Francis Perkins " 15. "

For Third Representative Whole number of Votes 243.
Francis Perkins had 127. Votes chosen
Nathaniel Wood " 11. "
Levi Downe " 95. "
Samuel Willis " 8. "
Peter S. Snow " 2. "

The following persons were duely elected Representatives to the General Court for the ensuing political year viz: Alvah Crocker
Isaiah Putnam &
Francis Perkins Esqrs

Article 6.

The Resolve for submitting to the people a proposed Article of Amendment to the Constitution and said Article of Amendment were then read by the clerk

Amendment of Constitution.

When Votes were given in by the inhabitants upon said amendment which were Received, sorted, counted and declared by the Selectmen in open Town meeting as follows. Whole number of votes 134.
For the Amendment (Yeas) 122. "
Against said Amendment 12.

The meeting at 12. O'clock M. adjourned for half an hour.

The Returnes of Votes were all made out Signed & Sealed as the Law directs in open Town meeting being one person present beside the Selectmen and Town Clerk when all businefs was finished who moved a dissolution of the meeting which was carried unanimously. Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[111] Warrant for Town Meeting November 23. 1836.
1836.

Worcester ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the first Parish Meeting-house, in said town on Wednesday the 23d day of November inst at One O'Clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:.

1st To choose a Moderator.

2d To choose a Selectman to fill a vacancy in the Board of Selectmen occasioned by the death of Mr Manasseh Sawyer.

3d To see if the Town will authorise their Selectmen to pay Mr Luther French of Randolph the damage he claims by Overturning his carriage near the new house of Capt Levi Pratt on the great road leading from this town to Ashburnham, or choose a Committee to investigate the same and give instructions.

4th To see if the Town will take any measures to procure a place in which to transact their town buſineſs—or act anything thereon.

5th To see if the town will accept of a widening of the Road near Doct. P. S. Snow's house as laid out by the Selectmen—to be reported to the town.

6th To see if the town will allow any damage to Mr Thomas Eaton for the new road passing through his land to Roſs C. Stevens and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty Six. Alpheus Boutell } Selectmen of
Amos Durant } Fitchburg

Fitchburg Nov 15th 1836. By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified and warnd the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes within directed by posting attested coppies of this warrant at each meeting-house in this village on the day of the date of this warrant.

H. Newton Constable

Attest. Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[112] Town Meeting November 23. 1836.

1836. November 23.

First Parish Meeting-house Fitchburg November 23, 1836 at 1 o'clock P. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the town assembled the meeting was opened and organised by reading the Warrant and choosing under Article first Jonathan Haskell Moderator.

Article 1st.

Article 2d.

Voted and chose Capt Horace Newton (s) Selectman in room of Manasseh Sawyer Deceased, who was sworn as a Selectman in Open Town Meeting.

Selectman.

Article 3d.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee on the subject of the third Article with Instructions to offer Mr French the sum of twenty five dollars to effect a settlement with him but if said French will not accept of said Sum of twenty five dollars—the Committee are instructed to defend against any Suit which may be brought against the Town by Said French. The town does not acknowledge by this vote any liablenefs for damage.

Mr French of Randolph Case

Article 4.

Voted to choose a committee of five persons to take into consideration the subject of building a Town house by Nomination.

Committee on Town House.

Voted and chose Jonas Marshall
Abial J. Towne
Joseph Downe
Samuel Willis
Joshua Goodridge.

Voted that the above Committee be required to make full and thorough investigation into the best method of building or procuring a town house and the expenses thereof & to report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 5. Road. Reported & Accepted by Doct P. S. Snows.

The Selectmen here made the following Report of a widening of the Road near Doct. P. S. Snows house.

Report.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg having given legal notice to all persons interested as will appear by the within petition and our order thereon and the certificate of P. S. Snow have laid out for the use of the Town generally a town way as follows the same being a widening of the old Road leading by Enoch Caldwell's—Beginning at a stake and stones near the corner of Samuel Smith's and Aaron Eatons land on said road—thence over said Eatons land North 1º West 10 rods to the upper corner of said Eatons land, to be 37 feet wide and to lie on the westerly side of said course this widening of the old road adds thereto a narrow strip of land taken from said Eaton for which he claims no damage from the town, Said Road is now made and completed free of expence to the town to the acceptance of the Selectmen. Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance—and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this 15th day of November 1836.

Alpheus Boutell } Selectmen of
Amos Durant } Fitchburg.

Voted to accept the above Report.

[113] 1836.

Town Meeting November 23. 1836.

Article 6. Damage Asked by Thomas Eaton

Voted to choose a Committee of three on the subject matter of the 6 Article of the warrant and Report at the adjournment.

Committee on.

Voted and chose Amos Durant, Jonas Marshall & Abel Fox said committee

Adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 4 weeks from this day (December 21) at 1: O'clock P. M.

First Parish Meeting-house December 21. 1836. 1. o'clock P. M. the meeting was opened persuant to adjournment by the moderator.

Article 4th. Report of Com. on Town House. Accepted.

The Committee on the subject of building or procuring a Town house then made their Report which follows.

Report.

The Committee chosen by the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg on the 23d of November last to take into consideration the subject of providing a suitable place in which to hold their town meetings &c have attended to that service and report as follows: (Viz) that the town ought to erect a house about the sise of the Old meeting-house and finish the upper Story for a town hall—and let the School District No 1. have the lower Story for Schoolrooms provided they wish, by their paying half the expense of the frame and finishing the outside and half of the land on which the building shall be erected on and said School District to be joint owners of said Building and land under equitable restrictions. The committee would further state that they have examined a number of lots for the above purpose and ascertained the prices that is one of Doct. Fox ajoining that sold to the Baptists Society the price of which is $600. One of Jonathan Haskell beginning at Capt Kimballs line on the Road 75 feet and back to the River at $500. One of William Johnson's on Mechanic Street for $300. and one ajoining on the same Street of Capt Caldwell for $300.

Per order Jonas Marshall Committee

Voted that the above Report be accepted as far as the words "about the sise of the old Meeting house" after which the town voted to accept the remainder of said report.

Article 6 Report on.

The Committee to whome the subject of the 6 Article was refered reported that the town should

$23. Damage to Thomas Eaton for Road.

pay Mr Thomas Eaton twenty three dollars as damage for the road passing through his land—which report was accepted by the town—and also by Mr Eaton.

Article 3d.

On the third Article the town Voted to adhere to their former Vote on the subject of this Article.

Dissolved

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Measurers of Wood & Bark Appointed by Selectmen

Fitchburg Nov. 23. 1836 We the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have appointed as Measurers of Wood & Bark. exposed or brought in for sale in the town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing the following persons viz

Abil Fox Sworn Nov 24.	Alpheus Boutell	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Jonathan Haskell.	Amos Durant	
John Caldwell s. Decm 6.	Horace Newton	
Ezra W. Reede s. Decm 6.		
David Brigham s. Novm 26.		

fees fixed upon by us are 6¼ cents pr load

Recorded By J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[114] 1836. Warrant. December 31.

Warrant for Town meeting December 31. 1836.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs to meet at the first parish Meeting-house, in said town on Saturday the 31st day of December inst at one O'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

1st. To Choose a Moderator.

2d. To see if the town will build a Town house or act any thing thereon.

3d. To see if the town will unite with School District No 1. in constructing a building suitable for town purposes and schools or act any thing thereon.

4th. To see if the town will choose a Committee with Authority to purchase a piece of land and in conjunc-

tion with School District No 1. or otherwise, receiving a deed therefor, suitable for a town house, or act anything thereon.

5th. To see if the town will choose a Committee with authority to build a town-house or to contract for and superintend the construction of such a building either in conjunction with school District No 1 or alone as the town may determine or act any thing thereon.

6th. To see if the town will instruct our Representatives to vote in faveor of dividing this States Share of the surplus revenue among the several towns in the state according to population—or any other subject they may see fit.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this 22d day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six. Alpheus Boutell } Selectmen of
Horace Newton } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes within directed, by posting attested Copies of this warrant at each of the meeting-houses in this village at least eight days before the time for holding said meeting.

Horace Newton, Constable.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[115] Town Meeting December 31st 1836.

1836. Fitchburg First Parish Meeting-house December 31. 1836 at 1. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by the reading said Warrant and acting on the first Article in

Article 1st. Moderator.

the same by choosing Jonathan Haskell moderator of said meeting.

Article 2d. Town House.

Voted that the Town build a Town House.

Article 3.

Voted that the Town unite with School District No 1. in erecting a Suitable Building for a Town House and School-house provided it can be done on equitable terms.

Article 4th. Land for Town-house Committee on.

Voted that a Committee of three be chosen with authority to purchase a piece of Land and in conjunction with School District No 1. or otherwise receiving a Deed therefor. Suitable for a Town-house.

Voted and chose

Chedorlaomer Marshall
Isaac B. Woodard
Daniel Tuttle Said Committee Voted that two more be added — Chose
Samuel A. Wheeler &
Charles Beckweth

Article 5th.

Voted to choose a committee with Authority to build a Town House or to contract for and superintend the construction of such a building either in conjunction with School District No 1. or alone as they may think for the interest of the town.

Voted that the purchaseing Committee above chosen be said building Committee. but several of the committee declined. when the last vote was reconsidered.

Voted that the building Committee consist of five.

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to nominate the building Committee. Chose Ephraim Kimball. Ephraim Osborn Jr. Nathan Ordway Nom. Com.

The Nominating Committee Reported Abial J. Town who declined and they Reported in his place David Boutelle. Jonas Marshall. Amos Durant. William Carlton. & Joseph Townsend for said building committee when the town

Town House Building Com.

Voted and chose David Boutelle
Jonas Marshall
Amos Durant
William Carlton
Joseph Townsend
building Committee of Town House.

Article 6 Instructions to Representatives

Voted that the Representatives from this town at the ensuing session of the legislature be Instructed to use their influence & vote in favour of the acceptance of this States proportion of the Surplus Revenue in conformity to an Act of Congrefs pafsed at its last session—Also that the same be deposited without interest, among the several towns of this Commonwealth according to population—To be refunded only in case the General Government call upon the State for the same and without any other restrictions or limitations whatever.

Dissolved

Voted to dissolve the meeting.
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[116] Warrant for Town Meeting March 6. 1837.

1837 March 6.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the first Parish Meeting-house, in said town, on Monday, the Sixth day of March next at 9. o'clock in the fore noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—(after organizing the meeting).

1st. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2d. To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer Collector or act any thing respecting choosing a Collector they deem proper.

3d. To hear the report of their Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer & inspect the accounts of their Select-men and Assessors for the past year.

4th. To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing.

5th. To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expences of their Work house & poor establishment for the year past.

6th. To choose a Committee to ascertain & Report the expences of supporting their Poor for the year ensuing.

7th. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their Highways and Bridges for the year ensuing—to determine the method of assessing collecting and expending the same, and act anything thereon they may deem proper.

8th. To hear the Report of the committee for keeping roads in repair for the year past and act anything thereon in regard to the course pursued by said committee the town may think proper—and to determine in what manner the town will keep their roads in repair the year ensuing.

9th. To see if the town will choose Highway Surveyors and have their highways kept in repair as they were previous to 1836. or act anything thereon.

10th. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to support their Schools the year ensuing or act anything in regard to expending said money they may think proper.

11th. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary town charges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon.

[117] 1837. Warrant for Town Meeting March 6. 1837.

12th. To hear the Report of their School Committee chosen for the examination of Schools & Teachers.

13th. To choose a committee for the purpose of examining Schools and teachers the year ensuing.

14th. To choose a committee to keep in repair their Bridges the year ensuing.

15th. To see if the town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing either of the Bell the year ensuing.

16th. To see if the Town will allow Engine men who shall perform the duty required by law the year ensuing a sum eaqual to their Poll Tax.

17th. To see if the town will restrain horses, neat cattle & swine from running at large the year ensuing within the limits of said town.

18th. To see if the town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town for the year ensuing.

19th. To see if the town will authorise their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor farm for one or more years, or act thereon.

20th. To see what the Town will do in relation to a certain pauper now in our Poor House by the name of Susannah Stearns supposed to have her legal settlement in Lunenburg—and to see if the town will direct a suit to be commenced against Lunenburg for her support and choose an agent or agents to manage said suit or act anything thereon.

21st. To see if the Town will accept their Share of the Surplus Revenue and authorize some person or persons to give such assurances to refund the same as may be required by law or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

22d. To see what disposition the Town will make of their share of the Surplus Revenue and act any thing in regard to the same they may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, 14 days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and Seals, this 16th day of Feb. in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

Alpheus Boutelle } Selectmen
Amos Durant } of
Horace Newton } Fitchburg.

Worcester ſs. Fitchburg Feb. 18. 1837. By virtue of this warrant I notified the Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs by posting attested copies of this warrant at each meeting-house in this Village. Horace Newton Constable

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[118] 1837.

Town Meeting March 6th 1837.

First Parish Meetinghouse Fitchburg March 6. 1837. at 9. O'clock. A. M. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled at the above time and place. The meeting was opened by reading the Warrant by the Clerk and organized by choosing Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator.

Moderator.

Article 1.st. Town Clerk.

Voted and chose s Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk who was immediately sworn in open Town Meeting by Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator of the meeting.

Oaths of Office Sign of.

N. B. all who were chosen to any Office under this Warrant of whome an Oath is required by Law and who took such oath in open Town meeting on the day they were chosen to such office have the letter s prefixed to their names in the Record respectively. all others receiving the Oath of Office on any other day will be found to have the date of such time prefixed to the said letter s.

Voted to choose three Selectmen on single ballott.

Selectmen

Voted and chose .s Alpheus Boutell
.s Amos Durant
.s John Caldwell } Select-men

Voted to have five assessors for the year ensuing.

Voted that a committee of five be chosen to nominate a list for Assessors.

Chose David Boutelle. Zachariah Sheldon. Asher Greene. Joseph Downe & John H. Wheeler for said nominating committee. the above com. susequently reported the following names. viz Isaiah Putnam. Josiah Sheldon. I. B. Woodard. Levi Downe. Barker Gibson. some of whom declined being candidates and were excused.

Voted to choose three Overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing.

Overseers of Poor.

Voted and chose David Boutelle, Nathan Ordway, John T. Farwell } Overseers of the Poor.

Town Treasurer.

Voted and chose s David Boutelle Treasurer.

Assessors.

Voted and chose s Isaiah Putnam
s Isaac B. Woodard
s Levi Downe
s Alpheus Boutelle
s Josiah Sheldon Assessors

Adjournment.

at 12. M. Voted to adjourn for one hour.

Article 13th.

The 13 Article was here taken up when it was voted that the School Committee concist of Seven. Voted that a committee of three be chosen to nominate a list for School Committee.

Voted and chose Moses Hale. Abel Fox. Joel Page Nominating Committee

The above committee having Reported a list of Names the meeting

Voted and chose

School Comm

Rev. Calvin Lincoln
" Joshua Emery
" Joseph S. Ellis
Nathaniel Wood Esq
Ezra W. Reede Excused, Walter Johnson Excused } See Page 123.
Doct Abel Fox School Committee

Article 8th. Report of Com. on Highways.

The 8 Article was here taken up when the Committee of Highways made their Report which was read and accepted. & on file.

Voted to choose a committee of three to see if the Road contractors will give up their contracts & if not to report whether the contract is Obligatory on the Town—to report at adjournment.

[119] 1837. Roads.

Town Meeting March 6th 1837.

Voted and Chose Levi Farwell, Moses Hale, Abel Fox, said committee.

Voted that the further consideration of the sub-

ject of Roads be pafsed over to the adjournment and that the present Committee of Highways be authorized to attend to the roads until that time.

Article 1st. Voted to choose two Constables.

Voted and Chose

Constables. March 13. s Alpheus Kimball
March 7. s Chedorlaomer Marshall
Constables.

No Tything-men Voted not to choose Tythingmen.

Field Drivers Voted and chose David Baldwin
Thomas Harris
William Bemis.
Tyler Younglove
Samuel Phelps Field Drivers.

Fence Viewers. Voted and Chose s Thomas Eaton
s Levi Farwell
s Abel Fox
s Moses Hale
s Samuel W. Harris
Fence Viewers.

Voted and chose s John H. Wheeler
Abijah Hartwell
Surveyors of Lumber. s Amos Durant
s Tyler Younglove
s Josiah Sheldon
Surveyors of Lumber.

Measurers of Wood & Bark Voted that the Selectmen appoint Measurers of Wood & Bark.

Sealers of Leather. Voted and chose March 16 s. Jed Mayo
s John Sawyer
Sealers of Leather.

Cullers of Hoops & Staves. Voted and chose s. Jeremiah Kinsman Jr.
s Joseph F. Hovey
Cullers of Hoops & Staves.

Pound Keeper Voted and chose s Joseph F. Hovey Pound Keeper.

Voted and chose Alpheus Kimball
Jonas A. Marshall
Fire Wards Zachariah Sheldon
Amos Durant.
John H. Wheeler
Abial J. Towne
David Boutelle
Alvah Crocker
Ivers Phillips
Samuel Hawes
Dana Stone Fire Wards

Article 2d. Collector. Voted that the Treasurer be Collector the year ensuing.

Article 3d. The committee chosen to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the past year here made their Report which was read and accepted.

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1837. Report of Com. on Treasury. &c The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and audit the Accounts of the Selectmen submit the following Report.

Treasur Dr.

1836. Apr 22.	To ballance in his hands 1st March 1836		$393..40
	" Cash reed. from State Treasury for this towns proportion of School Fund . .		71..84
	" Cash reed. from State Treasury for Pauper account		4..20
	" Cash reed. from State Treasury for Military Services		250..00
	" Cash reed. of Joseph C. Gardner ballance of 1835 highway Tax bill unexpended .		41..84
	" Cash reed. on 1833 tax bill	28. 81	
	" " " on 1834 " "	78. 53	
	" " " " 1835 " "	204. 82	
	" " " " 1836 " "	6187..30 . .	6499..46
			7260..74

Treasurer Cr

1836. April 1.	By paying annual Interest to Moses Hale .	60..00
	" " Town Note to Bank	700..00
	" " " " " Charles Sawtell .	200..00
	" " Annual Int to Joshua Goodridge	39. 09
	" " John L. Perry annual Int . . .	75. 00
	" " Town orders drawn by Selectmen viz for Schools	1167..97
	Incidental expences	1996..18
	" " Town orders drawn by Overseers of Poor	635..78
	" " Town orders drawn by Road Committee	1304..52
	" " Bounty on 5 Foxes in 1835 & 1836.	2. 50
	" " Interest on Money hired on short time during the year	45. 89
	" Discount made on 1836 tax Bill for prompt pay	258..48
	" 1.½ pr cent 6499.46 amount collected during the year	97..49
		6582..90
	Ballance in Treasurers hands	677..84
		7260. 74

Town Dr.

Your committee find the town indebted by Notes on interest as follows

To Moses Hale 1.000. John L. Perry 1.500. Joshua Goodridge 680. Eunice Goodridge 166.42 John Whitcomb 165. Joseph Richardson 400. Abijah Goodridge 367.50=		4278. 92
Interest due 1st March		127. 29
Due the School Districts . .	542.37	
" Out Standing Orders . .	61.60	
" Nathan Ordway . . .	50 —	
" for County Tax 2 years	673.42	
" School Committee . . .	50 —	
	——— . . .	1377..39
		5783. 60

Town Cr.

By ballance in Treasurers hands . .	677.84	
" " due on 1833 Tax bill . .	8.38	
" " " " 1834 " " . .	11.68	
" " " " 1835 " " . .	18.97	
" " " " 1836 " " . .	647.39	
" Estimated account due from County	900.00	
		2264. 26
Leaving ballance against the town		3519. 34

Town debt reduced in 1836. 1330.00

Jonas Marshall }
Walter Johnson } Committee
Joseph Downe }
David Boutelle Town Treasurer

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1837.

Town Meeting March 6. 1837.

Article 4. Committee to Settle with the Treasurer for 1837.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors the year ensuing.

Voted and chose

Jonas Marshall }
Joseph Downe } Committee all of whome declined at
Joseph Upton } the adjournment & were excused

Article 5th. Report on Expences of Poor.

The Committee chosen to ascertain the expences of the Work house and Poor establishment for the year past made their Report which was read and accepted. and on file in this office and Recorded on Poor house Books at that establishment.

Article 6.

Voted to choose a committee of three to ascertain and Report the expences of Supporting the Poor the year ensuing.

Committee on Poor. Sup. of.

Voted & chose Enoch Caldwell
Josiah Sheldon
Horace Newton Committee

Article 10th. Schools 1237.50 for Schools.

Voted that we raise the Sum of Twelve hundred & thirty seven Dollars and fifty cts for the support of Schools the year ensuing.

Voted that the money for Schools be divided as last year among the Districts

Article 11. 12 & 14 — Voted that the 11 Article be pafsed over to the adjournment. also the 12 & 14. Articles.

Article 15th — Voted to appropriate the sum of $20. for ringing one of the Parish Bells the year ensuing for town purposes.

Article 16. — Voted not to allow Engine men anything for their Survices

Article 17. — Voted that Horses Cattle & Swine be restrained from running at large.

Article 18. — Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

Article 19. — Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm for one or more years.

Article 20. Susannah Stearnes Case Com. on. — Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to commence a Suit against the Town of Lunenburg for the Support of Susannah Stearns and prosecute to final judgment if they see fit. Voted & chose for said committee Nathaniel Wood Esq
Ivers Phillips "
Joseph Downe "

Adjourned — Voted that the meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in April at 9. o'clock A. M. at this place.

April 3. — Fitchburg First Parish meeting-house April 3d. 1837, at 9. o'clock A. M. pursuant to adjournment the meeting was opened as above by Nathaniel Wood Esq the moderator. The list of Voters was then read and Corrected It was moved that Six be added to the board of Select-men and that the question be taken by polling the house—the house was polled and counted fairly when it was found 210. Yeas & 185 Nays. Voted that they be brought on one ticket 211 yeas 183 Nays.

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Voted that the Poll be closed at the Ringing of the Bell for 12. o'clock

Votes were Read. Sorted. Counted and declared and were found to be chosen the following persons

Selectmen.

s Horace Newton
s Zachariah Sheldon
s Daniel Tuttle
s Joshua Goodridge
s Daniel Works
s Levi Kendall Selectmen

NB.
For the rest of the board of Selectmen See Page 118th

After the above votes were declared adjourned for one hour.

Article 8.

The committee chosen on the Subject of the 8 Article at the March Meeting here made report which was read and accepted and put on file in this Office.

Road Com. Authority of. &c

Voted to choose Five as a Committee of Highways to carry into effect the system of last year of keeping our roads in repair with the same authority as last year—with authority also to institute suits for breach of contract.

Voted that a committee of five be chosen to Nominate a list for Committee of Highways.

Chose for Nominating Committee Jonas Marshall
Alpheus Boutelle
Joshua Goodridge
Isaac B. Woodard
Joseph Downe.

Article 7. $1650. for Roads & Bridges

Voted to Raise the sum of Sixteen hundred and fifty dollars for the support of Highways & Bridges the year ensuing

Article 9.

Voted to pafs over the 9 Article.

See Articl 21. on next page which vote should have been encerted in this place.

Article 21. Treasurer to Receive the surplus Revenue &c

That David Boutelle Treasurer of the Town of Fitchburg be duely & fully authorized on behalf of said Town to give to the Treasurer and Receiver General of this Commonwealth upon the reception of the two first instalments of such surplus moneys as by a Law of this Commonwealth approved by the Governor March 21st 1837. are to be deposited with said Town, such a Receipt as said Treasurer & Receiver General may prescribe, signed by said Treasurer

of said Town, binding upon said Town in their corporal capacity for the repayment of the money so deposited or any and every part thereof from time to time whenever the same sall be required by the said Treasurer & Receiver General, to be by him refunded to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

Voted to adjourn five munits for the purpose of Opening another Town Meeting.

Article 22. Voted that the Treasurer be directed to appropriate the Towns share of the Surplus Revenue to the payment of all debts now —

[123] 1837. Town Meeting April 3d 1837. adj from March 6.

Disposition of Surplus Moneys

due from the Town, also to pay all other debts of the Town provided he can make terms which he may think for the interest of the Town, and to loan the remainder on good Security.

Article 8. The Committee chosen to nominate a list for the Committee of Highways here made their Report after which the following persons were chosen by ballott for said Committee of Highways

Committee of Highways.

Joseph Upton Daniel Lowe Jonas Marshall William Carlton Samuel A. Wheeler	Committee of Highways

Article 11. $1,000. for Town Charges.

Voted to Raise the sum of One Thousand Dollars for the payment of necessary Town Charges for the year ensuing.

Article 13. Ezra W. Reede declined being on the School Committee & Walter Johnson another member of Said committee having left Town they were both excused and the Town Voted & chose Doct Peter S. Snow and Abel F. Adams to supply their places on said com

School Com. See page 118.

Article 1. Voted to choose four additional Overseers of the Poor & that they be voted for on one Ballott.

Additional Overseers of Poor.

Voted and Chose

Jonas Marshall Chedorlaomer Marshall Josiah Sheldon Joshua Goodridge	Overseers of Poor.

Article 4.

Voted to add four to the committee to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen & Assessors the year ensuing.

Committee to Settle with Treasurer. &c.

Voted & chose Moses Hale
Chedorlaomer Marshall
Timothy Willson
Charles Farwell
Committee on Treasury

Committee on Treasury chosen at March Excused.

The committee to which the above is an addition declined serving on said committee and were excused by a vote of the Town when it was Voted not to fill up the committee.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 21. Pafsed by mistake—Surplus Revinue

the first Vote under this article was as follows. Voted that the Town agrees to receive of the Treasurer & Receiver General of the Commonwealth its share of the surplus Revinue of the United States in deposite. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg hereby certify that we have appointed Justin Sternes Sealer of weights and Measures for said Town the year ensuing.

Fitchburg March 24th 1837.

Amos Durant } Selectmen of
John Caldwell } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[124] 1837. Warrant for Town Meeting. April 3d. 1837.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 3d 1837.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the first Parish meeting-house, in said town on Monday the third day of April next at two O'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—(after organizing the meeting.)

Art 1st. To See if the Town will authorize a discount to be made to such persons as voluntarily pay their taxes to the Treasurer & Collector within such periods of times as the town may determine

Art 2d To see if the Town will give instructions to the Collector in relation to taxes that remain unpaid after the time of discount has expired.

3d. To see if the town will take any measures for the general Vaccination of the inhabitants of the town.

4th. To see if the town will instruct their afsessors to take the number of families that may be in town on the first of May next.

5th. To see what compensation the town will make the Committee for the examination of Schools, Teachers &c for the ensuing year.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town eight days at least before the time for holding Said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Seventeenth (17th) day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

Alpheus Boutell } Selectmen
Amos Durant } of
John Caldwell } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. March 23th 1837 I have served this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in the vilage of Fitchburg.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[125] 1837. Town Meeting April 3d 1837.

First Parish meeting-house Fitchburg April 3d 1837. at 2. oclock P. M. pursuant to the foregoing

warrant the meeting was opened at the above time and place by reading the Warrant and choosing Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator of the meeting. after the meeting was organized Voted to adjourn until the businefs of March Meeting shall be finished

Article 1. Voted to pafs over the first Article in the warrant.

Article 2d. Directions to Treasurer. Voted that the Treasurer & Collector be instructed to collect all Taxes before the first day of February next and all taxes not collected by that time Said Treasurer & Collector to have no compensation for Collecting.

Article 3d. Voted to pafs over the third article in the warrant.

Article 4. No. of Families to be Taken. Voted that the Assessors be instructed to take the number of families that may be in town on the first of May next.

Article 5. $50. For School Com. Voted that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated to pay the School Committee for examining Schools, Teachers, &c the year ensuing.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Warrant Novm 13. 1837

Warrant for Town Meeting November 13th 1837.

Worcester. fs. To Jonas A. Marshall Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester whome the Subscribers, Selectmen of said Town hereby appoint for this purpose—Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meete at the Town House in said town, on Monday the 13th day of November next at ten O'clock in the fore noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—after organizing the meeting.

1st. To see if the Town will accept a list of persons made out by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors and act thereon.

2d. To see if the town will take any measures to es-

tablish a public High-School according to the Statutes of this Commonwealth—or act anything thereon.

3d To hear the report of the Committees for purchasing and building a Town House—and act thereon

4th To see if the Town will take any measures to get their Town House insured against Fire.

5th To choose a Committee to take care of their Town House and give instructions to said committee if they see fit relative to finishing any part thereof.

6th To hear the report of the Selectmen on the petition of David D. McIntire for a Road from his house to the County road leading from Fitchburg

[126] to Ashburnham (viz) Beginning at a Stake near the
1837. house of David D. Mc.Intire—Thence South 48º 30′ west 89. rods to a Stake—Thence S. 42° W. 54 rods to a Stake—Thence S. 12° 45′ W. 38½ rods to a Stake—Thence S. 28° W. 3 Rods 7 links over land of David D. McIntire to land of Sumner D. Boynton Thence South 28º W. 4 Rods 18 links to Stake—Thence S. 31º W. 8 Rods 21. links to Stake Thence South 6 rods over land of Said Boynton to the County road leading to Ashburnham.

And at one O'clock P. M. on Said day to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for Six Senators, on one ballot, for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing.

And at two o'clock P. M. on said day to determine wether the Town will Send any Representatives to represent them in the next General Court

To bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for one or more Representatives to represent them in the next General Court to be convened in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, 14, days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this

Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 27th day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty Seven

Alpheus Boutell
Amos Durant
John Caldwell
Daniel Tuttle
Joshua Goodridge
} Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Fitchburg October 28. 1837. I hereby certify that I have served this Warrant as within directed J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[127] 1837. Novm 13.

Town Meeting November 13th 1837.

Town Hall (First meeting. held therein) Fitchburg November 13th 1837. at 10. o'clock A. M. pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened by reading said Warrant and choosing Capt Alpheus Boutell Moderator.

Article 1. The Selectmen laid before the Town a list of persons to serve as Jurors which was as follows viz:

Francis Perkins	Ezra W. Reed
Isaiah Putnam	Josiah Sheldon
William Carlton	Levi Farwell
Josiah Brown	Levi Pratt
Abel Thurston	Jabez Farebanks
Payson Williams	Enoch Caldwell
Barker Gibson	Martin Newton
Benjamin Wheeler	Benjamin Snow
Amos Durant	Samuel Haws
Joseph Upton	Alvah Crocker
Justin Stearns	John Sawyer
David Boutelle	Alpheus Boutell
Abial J. Towne	Thomas Eaton
Isaac B. Woodward	David Bauldwin
Joshua Goodridge	Levi Kendall
Cyrus Thurston	David Tuttle
John Prichard	Samual Smith
Samuel Willis	David Lowe

Asher Green	Jonathan Haskell
Daniel Works	Zachariah Sheldon
William Downe	Samual Hale
John Caldwell	John T. Farwell

The above is a list of persons to serve as Jurors made out by the Selectmen of Fitchburg Oct. 27. 1837

Voted to accept the above Report.

Article 2 Voted to pafs over the Second Article in the Warrant.

Article 3. The Committee chosen to contract for and build a Town House made the following Report which was read and accepted.

Com. on Town House. Report.

Report.

The Committee chosen by the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to build or contract for a Town House—herewith present a report of their doings.

The committee chosen to purchase a spot for said house Contracted for the one on which this House Stands for the Sum of . . . . . $1,000. —

Paid for Purchase of the Old Meeting-house	410. —
" " Moving the Same	200. —
" " Stone work including threshholds	518. —
" " Painting	140. —
" " Labour and Materials	639. 86
" " 2 Stoves and funnels	43. 87
	$2951..73
Cr By Old Porches and old Stuff sold $29..16	
Making the cost of the building in its present Situation	$2922. 57

The Stone Work is not yet Completed to the acceptance of the Committee and have granted an extension of time for that purpose.

1837. Nov 10th all of which is respectfully submitted.

Jonas Marshall
Wm. Carlton
Joseph Townsend } Committee
Amos Durant
David Boutelle

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1837. Article 4 — Voted to pass-over the 4 Article until the 5th Article is acted upon.

Article 5th — Voted to choose a Committee to take charge of the Town House with full power to finish and to rent at their discretion.

Com. to take Charge of the Town House. — Voted that the building Committee of the Town House be said Committee.

Article 4th Insurance of Town House — Voted that the Committee chosen above to take charge of the Town House be authorized to procure Insurance on the Town House against Fire if they see fit and think it for the interest of the Town.

Article 6 — Voted to pass-over the subject of the 6 Article to the first Monday in March. next

Adjourned — Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in March next at 5 O'clock P. M.

November 13. 1837. 1. o'clock P. M. — Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by the Selectmen at 1 O'clock P. M. (November 13. 1837) for the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to give in their Votes for A Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth and for Six Senators for the District of Worcester County on one Ballott. Votes were Reed—Sorted, Counted and by the Selectmen declared and were as follows.

Whole Number of Votes for Governor given in were Three hundred & nine (309)

Governor.

Edward Everett	had	172.	Votes.
Marcus Morton	"	129.	"
John Q. Adams	"	5.	"
Samuel T. Armstrong	"	3.	"

Lt. Governor. For Lieutenant Governor Whole number 311. Votes.

George Hull	had	183.	"
William Foster	"	128.	"

Senators. For Senators. Whole number of Votes 312.

Charles Hudson	had	184.	Votes
Linus Child	"	186.	"
William Hancock	"	186.	"
James G. Carter	"	182.	"

Thomas Kinnicutt	"	179.	"
Artemas Lee	"	186.	"
John Spurr	"	126.	"
Sullivan Sumner	"	126.	"
Nathaniel Wood	"	125.	"
Charles Sibley	"	126.	"
Jedediah Marcy	"	126.	"
Nathaniel Rand	"	125.	"
Pliny Merrick	"	7.	"
Francis Perkins	"	1.	"

[129] 1837. Representatives

Town Meeting November 13. 1837.

Pursuant to the forgoing Warrant the Subject of choosing Representatives was taken up at 2. o'clock P. M. when it was Voted that we send one or more Representatives to the next General Court.

Voted that we send two Representatives to the next General Court and that they be voted for on Single ballott.

Votes for the first Representative were reed, sorted, counted and declared by the Selectmen and were as follows.

For first Representative whole number of Votes—301.

David Boutelle	had	176.	Votes & was chosen
Nathaniel Wood	"	115.	"
Samuel Willis	"	7.	"
William Carlton	"	2.	"
Levi Downe	"	1.	"

For Second Representative whole number of Votes—284

Samuel Willis	had	190.	Votes & was chosen
William Carlton	"	92.	"
Levi Downe	"	1.	"
David Boutelle	"	1.	"

Measurers of Wood & Bark

December 19th 1837. The Selectmen of Fitchburg have this day appointed Nathan Tolman E. W. Reed, John Sawyer, Asa Partridge, David F. McIntire, Asher Green Leonard Battis & Timothy Vinton Measurers of Wood & Bark for the Town of Fitchburg—the year ensuing

Horace Newton pr Order of the Selectmen

The following Measurers of Wood & Bark appointed above were Sworn at the times prefixed to their Several names

December 28. 1837.

Asher Green Sworn as a measurer of Wood & Bark

January 2. 1838.

E. W. Reed " " " " " " " "

January 20. 1838.

Nathan Tolman " " " " " " " "

January 29. 1838.

Asa Partridge " " " " " " " "

John Sawyer

David F. McIntire

Leonard Battis

Timothy Vinton

Adjournment of Town meeting. March 5th. 1838.

Town Hall March 5th 1838 Pursuant to Adjournment of November 13. 1837.. the the meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk the moderator Capt Alpheus Boutelle being absent the meeting was organized by choosing Capt Zachariah Sheldon Moderator Pro. Tempor.

Aticle 6 Report of D. D. McIntire Road. Rejected

The Subject of this Article was taken up which was refered to the Selectmen in November last. The Selectmen stated that they had examined the rout further and thought there ought to be some alteration in their former Report thereupon the Town Voted to reject the Report of the Selectmen.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[130] Warrant for Town Meeting March 5th 1838.

1838. Warrant for Town Meeting March. 5th 1838.

Worcester, ff. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester Greeting—

.Seal. .Seal. .Seal. .Seal. .Seal.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify & warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town house, in said town on monday, the 5th day of

March next at 9. o'clock in the forenoon, then & there to act on the following articles:—after organizing the meeting

1st. To Choose all necefsary town officers for the year ensuing —

2nd. To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer Collector of Taxes or act anything respecting choosing a Collector they may deem proper —

3rd. To hear the report of their Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer & inspect the accounts of their Select-men & Afsessors for the past year —

4th. To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer & inspect the accounts of their Selectmen & Afsessors for the ensuing year —

5th. To hear the report of their Committee chosen to afsertain the expenses of their workhouse & poor establishment for the year past —

6th. To choose a Committee to afsertain & report the expenses of supporting their poor for the year ensuing —

7th. To hear the report of the Committee for keeping their High-ways & Bridges in repair the year past —

8th. To Choose a Committee to keep their Highways & Bridges in repair the year ensuing —

9th. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their Highways & Bridges the year ensuing —

10th. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing or act anything in regard to spending said money they may think proper —

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11th. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necefsary town Charges the year ensuing or act any thing thereon—

12th. To hear the report of their school Committee chosen for the examination of schools & Teachers

13th. To choose a Committee for the purpose of examining schools & Teachers the year ensuing—

14th. To see if the town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing either of the Bells the year ensuing—

15th. To see if the town will allow Engine men who shall perform the duty required by law the year ensuing a sum equal to their Poll Tax—

16th. To see if the town will choose a Committee & give them instructions & authority to settle with Mefsers Town & Willis respecting an Indictment against them for flowing the water acrofs the road upon the "Muster Field" so call'd—and in case of a disagreement—then to refer the whole subject to the decision of such three men as said Committee & Town & Willis may agree upon—with full power to adjust & settle the above subject in such manner as said Committee may see fit—or act any thing upon the same that said town may think proper—

17th. To see if the town will restrain Horses Neat Cattle and swine from running at large the year ensuing within the limits of said town—

18th. To see if the town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the town the year ensuing—

19th. To see if the town will authorise their Overseer of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor farm for one or more years—or act anything thereon—

20th. To make enquiry of the Committee chosen to superintend the making of the road from Alvah Crockers to Westminister why the road has not been accepted—also to see if the town will vote to give up to the contractors their bonds or act anything thereon—

21st. To see if the town will take any measures to widen a piece of the south great road on the Manoosnuck Hill—or act anything thereon—

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22nd. To see if the town will discontinue that part of the town way from the northerly corner of Samuel Smith's land to stake & stones near William John-

son's land which was laid out by the Selectmen as an alteration or widdening of the former town way between said termini, and reported & accepted by the town at a town meeting held on the 9th day of Nov. 1835 or act anything thereon—

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting houses in said town, 14 days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, & make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid—Given under our hands & seals this sixteenth day of Febuary, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

Alpheus Boutell
Amos Durant
John Caldwell
Daniel Tuttle
Zachariah Sheldon
} Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Febuary 17th 1838 I have served this warrant by posting up the attested copies thereof at each of the meeting houses in the centre of Fitchburg

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[133] 1838. Town Meeting March 5th 1838.

Town Meeting March 5th 1838.

Town House Fitchburg March 5th 1838. 9. O'clock A M. Pursuant to the forgoing Warrant the meeting was opened by reading the warrant and choosing Captain Zachariah Sheldon Moderator.

Moderator

List of Voters Prayer.

The list of Voters was then read and corrected.

Prayer by the Revr Calvin Lincoln.

Article 1st. Town Clerk.

Voted and chose s Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk who was Sworn in Open Town Meeting as will appear by the following certificate

Oath of Clerk. Certificate of.

Worcester fs March 5. 1838. Then personally appeared Jonas A. Marshall and made Oath that as Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg he would correctly

and truly record all votes pafsed in all Town meetings during the year, and until another Clerk should be chosen & sworn and also faithfully discharge all the other duties of his office.

Before me Ebenezer Torrey Jus. Peace.

Oaths. N. B.

All officers of whome an Oath is Required and who were qualified in Open Town Meeting on the day of their Election have the letter s. before their names all sworn on any other day will have the date of said day prefixed to the said sign

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Selectmen Voted to choose five Selectmen.

Voted and chose Nathaniel Wood
s. Horace Newton
s. Daniel Tuttle
s. Daniel Works
s. Levi Kendall Selectmen.

Voted to choose three Assessors.

Assessors. Voted and Chose s. Daniel Tuttle
s. Chedorlaomer Marshall
s. Alpheus Kimball Assessors.

Voted to choose three overseers of the Poor

Overseers of Poor. Voted and chose Nathan Ordway
Isaiah Putnam
Moses Hale Overseers of Poor.

Treasurer. Voted and chose March 6. s. Francis Perkins Treasurer.

Voted to choose four Constables.

Constables Voted and Chose s. Horace Newton
s. Chedorlaomer Marshall
s. Alpheus Kimball
s. Timothy S. Willson Constables.

Article 2. Collection of Taxes. Voted that the collection of Taxes be let out by the Moderator to the lowest bidder which was struck off to John Smith 2d at One Dollar forty five cents for the collection of every Hundred Dollars.

Bondsmen for Collector. Mr Smith offered as Bondsmen Edward Smith & William Carter who were accepted by the Town.

Article 1. Voted that it is not expedient to choose Tythingmen the year ensuing.

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1838. Article 1.

Field Drivers.

Voted and Chose Charles Russell
s. Moses Hale
Samuel Phelps
s. Christopher Smith
James Hartwell Field Drivers.

Fence Viewers

Voted and Chose John Stickney
s. Joel Page
William Bemis
s. Levi Pratt
s. Samuel Smith Fence Viewers.

Surveyors of Lumber

Voted and chose s. Abijah Hartwell
s. Joseph Upton
s. Justin Stearns
March 31. s. Charles Eager
s. John H. Wheeler
Surveyors of Lumber.

Measurers of Wood & Bark.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Sealers of Leather.

Voted and Chose s. Charles Sawtelle
s. Asa Partridge
Sealers of Leather.

Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Voted and chose s. Jeremiah Kinsman Jr
s. Ebenezer Lund
Cullers of Hoops & Staves.

Poundkeeper

Voted and chose Joseph F. Hovey Pound Keeper.

Fire Wards

Voted and chose Alpheus Kimball
Jonas A. Marshall
Horace Newton
Zachariah Sheldon
John H. Wheeler
Amos Durant
Benjamin C. Pillsbury
Josiah Sheldon
Alvah Crocker
David Stone
Samuel Haws
Ebenezer Torrey Fire Wards

Article 3. The Committee chosen at the last March meeting to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen & Assessors for the year past here made their Report which was read and accepted and was as follows.

Committee on Treasury &c Report.

Report.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of Selectmen, Treasurer, Overseers & Road Committee for the Past year submit the following report.

Treasurer Dr.	To ballance in his hands March 1837. . .	677.84.
	" Cash Reed from State Treas^r for School fund for 1836.	89.05.
	" " Reed from State Treas^r for three instalments of the Surplus Revenue	4855.56.
	" " Reed from Selectmen for a licence for a Circus exhibition	5.00.

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1838 Treasury Report on Continued.

	To Cash reed on Surplus money loaned for short time	12.25.
	" " " from State Treasurer for Military Serveses for the year past	360.00.
	" " " from State Treas for this Towns proportion of School fund for 1837.	78.86.
	" Cash reed. of sundry persons for pews, porches &c in Old Meeting House	30.14.
	" Cash Reed. on 1833. 34. 35 & 36 Tax Bills	488.74.
	" " " " 1837. tax bill	4268.62.
	" " borrowed for use of the town . .	1069.00
		11935.06.
Treasurer Cr.	By paying town Note to Moses Hale . . .	1064.48.
	" " " " " Joshua Goodridge	716.55.
	" " " " " Eunice Goodridge	187.75.
	" " " " " John Whitcomb .	179.40.
	" " " " " Joseph Richardson	430.50.

" " for a Set of Trow Weights Sealing the Same and ¾ bushel flax-Seed for the use of the Sealer of Weights & Measures		7.94
" Paying L. Day for obtaining surplus revenue		1.00.
" " Interest for cash borrowed on short loans		40.29.
Bounty on 17 foxes during the past year		8.50
Town orders drawn by Selectmen Overseers of Poor. and Road Committee		8077.10
(Viz) for incidental expenses . . .	$1369.22	
" Scools	1366.88	
" Support of the poor	761.99	
" Roads & Bridges	1569.34	
" Town house . .	3009.67	
" 1½ pr Cent on $488.74 Amt. Collected on tax bills previous to 37 . . .		7.13
" 1½ " " on 4091.08 Amt. Collected on 1837 tax bills previous to 1st Feby last		61.36
" paying County Treasurer. ballance due on 1835: 36 & 37 County tax after deducting the sum allow'd the town towards making the South Westminister road		256.03
" Extra Services as Treasurer in receiving & paying out surplus revenue . . .		10.00
		11048.03
Ballance in Treasurers hands		887.03
		$11935.06

Your Committee the town indebted to the following persons by Note on Int. Abijah Goodridge 389.55. John L. Perry $1500.00. Daniel Tuttle 250.00 Charles Sawtell 819.00= Amounting to $2958.55 Int. due 1st March 113.74 = 3072.29

Due N Ordway up to 1st Apr. . . 91.25

3163.54

Due School Districts	413.49	
Out Standing orders	9.52	423.01
		3586.55

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1838. Treasury Report Continued.

They find a ballance in the Treas hands . . . . $887.03.
" " Due on 1833. 34 & 35 tax bills. . . . 31.25
" " " " 1836. tax bills 168.46
" " " " 1837. " " 303.68

1390.42.=1390.42.

Ballance against the Town 2196.13.

Moses Hale
C. Marshall } Committee
T. S. Wilfon

David Boutelle Town Treasurer.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 4. Committee to Settle with Treasurer &c.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to Settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing. Voted and chose Joseph Simonds
David Boutelle
Jonas Marshall Said Committee

Article 5. Committee on Poor Report.

The Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of our Work House & Poor establishment the past year made their report which was read and accepted Sum of Expences for the support of the Poor for the year past was $855.14.

Article 6 Committee on Poor Establishment. 1838 & 9.

Voted to choose a committee of three to ascertain the expenses of our Work House and Poor establishment the year ensuing

Chose Josiah Sheldon
Nathan Ordway } Said Committee
Levi Pratt

Article 7. Committee of Highways Report.

The Committee of Highways here made their Report was follows

Fitchburg March 5th 1838. The Committee on

Roads & Bridges for the year past make the following report (viz)

They have expended in repairing roads during the year $1494.65
And on Bridges during the same time . 204.66
for their Services attending the above &c 20.97

Total 1720.28

Per order of the Committee Joseph Upton.

Article 8. Voted to choose a Committee of Highways of five

Voted to choose a Committee of five to nominate a list for the Committee of Highways Chose

Horace Newton
C. Marshall
A. Crocker
F. Perkins
N. Ordway Nom Com—

who made their Report

Committee of Highways. Whereupon the Town Voted & chose

Joseph Upton
Daniel Lowe
William Carlton
Samuel A. Wheeler
Joshua Goodridge Com. of Highways

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1838. Article 9. $1650. For Highways &c At 5. O'clock P. M. the meeting adjourned to finish the businefs of another Town Meeting which was adjourned to that hour after which the meeting was again opened and the 9 Article of the warrant being in order it was taken up and Voted to raise Sixteen hundred and fifty dollars for the repair of Highways & Bridges the year ensuing.

Article 10 $1400. for Schools Voted to raise the sum of thirteen hundred Dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing to be divided 75 Dollars on each of the twelve districts & 37. Dollars fifty cents on the half District and the remainder among the Large Districts at the discression of the Selectmen. at an adjourned meeting one hundred dollars was added for Schools.

Article 11. $1500. Town Charges Adjourned

Voted to raise the Sum of fifteen hundred Dollars for necessary town charges the year ensuing.

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at 1. o'clock P M.

Town Hall April 2. 1838. Pursuant to adjournment the meeting was opened at 1. O'clock P. M.

Article 12.

Mr Wood one of the School Committee of last year made some remarks touching the state of our Schools he thought the Schools kept to short a time that there was not money enough raised by the town for that object.

Article 13

Voted to choose a committee of five to Select candidates for School Committee. Chose

Alvah Crocker
Francis Perkins
Enoch Caldwell
John Prichard
Joseph Simonds Said committee

Who mad report whereupon the Town chose by ballot the following persons for School Committee for the examination of Schools teachers &c

School Committee

Ezra W. Reed
Alvah Crocker
John Smith 2d
Jacob Caldwell
Thomas C. Caldwell School Committee

Article 14

Voted to appropriate twenty dollars for ringing one of the Parish Bells for Town purposes the year ensuing.

Article 15 Enginemen Pay of.

Voted to allow all Engine Men who perform the duty required by Law a sum equal to their poll tax.

Article 10

Voted to raise the sum of One hundred Dollars for the support of Schools in addition to the sum already raised see above.

Article 8 High-Ways Com. Authority

The 8 Article was taken up whereupon the town voted that the Committee of Highways have the same powers as last year with regard to drawing orders &c.

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1838. Article 2. Collector.

Took up the 2 Article and Voted and chose s. John Smith 2d Collector

Here the businefs of the meeting was suspended for a short time for the purpose of opening another Town Meeting. On resuming businefs the 16 Article was taken up whereupon the Town Voted to choose a Committee of three to settle with Mefsrs Town & Willis on account of the Damage from water to the road acrofs the muster field so called Voted and chose Joseph Downe

Article 16. Committee of Settlement with Mefsrs. Town & Willis

Alpheus Boutell

Chedorlaomer Marshall Said Committee.

Voted that the above committee have full powers to settle with Mefsrs Town & Willis according to the tenour of the 16 Article in the Warrant.

Article 17. Horses &c Restrained.

Voted that Cattle, Horses &c be restrained from running at large

Article 18. Treasurer May Borrow Money.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

Article 19. Overseers of Poor may Contr.

Voted that the Overseers of Poor be authorized to Contract with some suitable person to take charge of our Poor Farm for One, Two or Three years.

Article 20.

N. Wood Esq one of the Committee on the road refered to in the 20 Article made a verbal Report of the state of said Road after hearing which and the remarks of some of the Contractors on Said Road it was Voted to pafs the Article over.

Article 21.

Voted to pafs the 21. Article over.

Article 22.

After hearing much conversation on the subject of this Article it was Voted that it be pafsed over.

Dissolved.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg hereby appoint April 30 s. Abijah Hartwell Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing.

March 16th 1838. Horace Newton, Daniel Tuttle, Daniel Works } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1838.

Worcester, ſs. to either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are required to notify & warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections & in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the second day of April next at two o'clock in the afternoon then & there to act on the following articles —

1st. To bring in their votes to the Select men for the choise of County Commiſsioners as the Law directs

2nd. To Choose a Moderator to govern this meeting

3rd. To bring in their votes for County Treasurer

4th. To see if the town will take any measures to divide school district No. 6 or any other, or take any measures to district the town anew or act anything upon the subject the town may think proper

5th. To see if the town will choose a Committee to take Charge of the fire Engines. Engine house and all the fire apparatus belonging to the Town.

6th To see if the town will determine the time when the taxes for the ensewing year shall be collected or give their Collector such instructions as they may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting houses in said town 14 days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty Eight

Horace Newton } Selectmen
Daniel Tuttle } of
Daniel Works } Fitchburg

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town officers, to meet at the time, place and

for the purposes within specified by posting attested copies of this warrant at each of the meeting houses, in the Village of Fitchburg as within directed

T. S. Wilson Cunstable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[140] 1838. Town Meeting April 2.

Town Meeting April 2. 1838.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 2d 1838 at 2. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting for the choise of County Commifsioners was called to order by the Selectmen and the meeting was opened by reading the warrant. Votes for County Commissioners were then Reed by the Selectmen which were by them Sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as follows viz:

Article 1. County Commissioners

Whole number of Votes for County Commissioners 346.

William Crawford .	had . .	280.	Votes
Jared Weed	" . .	184.	"
Thomas Chamberlain	" . .	173.	"
Samuel Taylor . .	" . .	160.	"
Amory Holman . .	" . .	160.	"
Edmund Cushing .	" . .	26.	"
James Draper . . .	" . .	13.	"
William Eaton . .	" . .	5.	"

Special Commis.

Whole number of Votes for Special Commifsioners 343.

Sullivan Thayer . .	had . .	173.	Votes
Hiram Wheelock . .	" . .	173.	"
David Davenport .	" . .	158.	"
Zachariah Sheldon .	" . .	169.	"
William Eaton . .	" . .	12.	"

Article 2. Voted and chose Zachariah Sheldon Moderator.

Article 3. At the annual meeting of the legal Voters of the Town of Fitchburg convened on the second day of April 1838. the following Votes were given for a County Treasurer which have been sorted in open town meeting by the moderator thereof and the Town Clerk. The names of the persons Voted for and the number of Votes which each person had are as follows viz:

County Treasurer.

Whole number of Votes for County Treasurer was 55.

Anthony Chase had 55. Votes for County Treasurer.

Article 4. On Division of School District No 6. 7. & 8.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee after giving suitable notice, with full and ample powers to divide School District No 6. and to make such alterations, combinations & annexations in regard to School Districts No 7. & 8. as they deem expedient—And to locate the School House or houses for the new and respective Districts and to establish its or their Metes & bounds and to report at the next Town meeting

Article 5. Committee on Engines &c

Voted to choose a Committee of three to keep our Engines. Engine Houses & Fire aparatus in repair. Voted and chose Abijah Hartwell, Josiah Sheldon and Ezra W. Reed said Committee

Article 6.

Voted that the Tax list be handed to the Collector on or before the fifteenth day of June next.

Taxes.

Voted that the Collector shall collect and pay over to the Treasurer one half of the Taxes by the 4th day of October next and the other half by the forth day of January next.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[141] 1838. July 9.

Warrant for Town Meeting July 9. 1838.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester—Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town house in said town, on Monday the ninth day of July next at one O'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1st.

To see if the town will accept of the alterations made by their committee chosen for that purpose at their last town meeting in School Districts No 6. 7. & 8. which are as follows to wit That District No 6. shall be divided beginning at the junction of the new roads leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham and

Westminster thence in a direct line with the west line of the Elisha Carter farm to the road leading from Payson Williams to David D. Mc.Intires house, then including said McIntire's farm the nearest direction to Westminster line Including the west part of said district and that the School House shall be removed as near the Hill in Perkins & Baldwins Pasture towards the house now occupied by Loring Wheeler as convenient and that shall be District No 6.—the remaining part of said District including the farm of Rofs C. Stevens and the Elisha Carter farm shall be District No 7.—and for the location of the School House we recommend the corner of land near John Eatons House own^{d} by Alpheus Kimball and the remaining part of district No 7. shall be annexed to District No 8. and their School House shall be located on the lower corner of John Smiths land between the Houses of Francis Dean and Thomas Hammond or act any thing thereon the town may think proper.

2d. To see if the Town will accept of a Town way laid out by their Selectmen for the use of David D. McIntire and the town generally as follows begining at a Stake and Stones on the north side of the new county road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham near a small Brook then north 31º E. 21. Rods on land of Silas Parkhurst then in the same direction on land of Samuel Cooper and David D. McIntire 3½ rods to a stake and stones—then north 13° E. on said McIntires land 38 rods to a stake and stones —thence north 37º 30″ E. 15. rods to a stake and stones—then north 42º E. 44. rods to a stake and Stones—then N. 60º E. 28. rods to the house of David D. McIntire. Said road to be 2½ rods wide & the road is laid the Easterly Side of said bounds.

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1838. Warrant. 3d. Also to see if the town will accept another road for the use of E. S. Carter and the public as laid out by their Selectmen Beginning on the south side of the old road leading from Fitchburg to Lunenburg

at a Stake and stones near the School House, then S. 4º 30′ W. 13½ rods on land of Avery Stockwell—then S. 7º E. 11½ rods to a stake and Stones on land of E. S. Carter. then S. 3º E. partly on land of Avery Stockwell & E. S. Carter 15 rods to a stake and stones—the said road is laid 2 rods wide and lies on the easterly side of said bounds.

4th. Also—To see if the town will accept of another road petitioned for by Joseph Richardson and others and laid out by their Selectmen. Beginning at a stake and stones on the south side of the road runing by J. Jaquith's House—then S. 12º W. 18. Rods on land of J. Jaquith—then S. 6º 15″ W. 42 Rods—then S. 1º 30″ W. 13 Rods 21. Links to a Stake & Stones—then S. 14º W. 12 Rods then S. 21º 30″ W. 12 Rods to a Chesnut tree—then S. 14º 45″ W. 8½ Rods. to land of John Wheeler—then S. 14º 45″ W. 11. Rods to a Pine Tree Then S. 6º W. 39. rods to an oak Tree—then S. 3º W. 18. Rods to an Oak and Stones—Then S. 31º 30″ W. 19. Rods to the Old Road—Said Road to be 3 Rods wide and is laid on the westerly side of said bounds.

5th. Also To see if the Town will well accept of another road petitioned for by Abram Osborn and others and laid out by their Selectmen—Begining at a stake set in the ground the north side of the old turnpike and 40 links from the S. W. corner of Ephraim Osborn Jur's house, then runing N. 7º 15″ W. 19. Rods on said Osborn's land to a stake & Stones—then N. 15° W. 23. Rods—then N. 1º E. 8. Rods and 6 links to land of Upton & Hawes—then in the same direction 47. Rods to a Stake—then N. 30º 45″ E. 5 Rods to a pine tree then N. 6º 45″ E. 3. Rods & 20 links to a Maple Tree—then N. 37º W. 7. Rods & 6. links to a Birch Tree—Then N. 81º 30″ W. 4. Rods & 14 links to land of Thoˢ Harris then in the same direction on said Harris' land 3. Rods & 12 links to an Ash Tree—Then N. 60º 30″ W. 10. Rods to a Wild Pear Tree—then N. 24º 15″ E. 6. Rods & 7. links to a Beach—then N. 9º 30″ E. 5.

Rods & 10. links to a Hemlock tree—then N. 12º 30″ E. 2 Rods to A. Fullum's land then in the same direction 45. Rods to land of Alvah Crocker—Then N. 5º E. 14. Rods on said Crockers land to a Pine tree —Then N. 4º 30″ E. 6. Rods & 10 links to a Maple Tree—Then N. 8º 15″ 17. Rods & 14 links to the center of the River to a line between Crocker & Crocker & Vinton—Then N. 8. 15″ 2 Rods & 8. links to a Stake and Stones—Then N. 1º 30″ W. 9. Rods to land of Crocker & Bigelow—then in the same direction 20. links to a Hemlock tree—then N. 2º E. 11. Rods—the the new road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster—Said Road is to be 3 Rods wide and is laid on the westerly side of said bounds.

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6th. To hear the report of the Committee chosen to Superintend the making the Roads from near Alvah Crockers House to Westminster & also from Woodbury's Tavern to Westminster and to act upon the subject of the expences of making said roads as they may think proper.

7th To see if the town will instruct their Road Committee to build a Bridge and raise the Road acrofs the Old Muster field so called or act anything upon the subject they may think proper.

8th To see if the Town will authorise their Committee chosen to keep in repair their Engines, Engine Houses &c to procure a sufficient quantity of leading Hose for Engine No 2 or act any thing upon the subject they think proper.

9th. To see if the Town will grant Elisha Carter the privilege of erecting a Gate and to make a pafs way to his Tomb in their Burying Ground.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting Houses in said Town, Eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the

time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, this 27. day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty Eight.

Horace Newton
Daniel Tuttle } Selectmen of
Levi Kendall
Daniel Works } Fitchburg

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the time, place & for the purposes within directed by posting notices at each of the meeting houses in this village at least eight days before the time of said meeting. C. Marshall Constable of Fitchburg

Fitchburg June 30th 1838.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[144] 1838. Town Meeting July 9. Moderator.

Town Meeting July 9. 1838.

Town Hall Fitchburg July 9, 1838. One O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by reading the Warrant and choosing Henry C. Whitman moderator. The meeting being but thinly attended it was voted to adjourn to the first Monday in September next, at 1. O'clock P. M.

September 3d 1838. Pursuant to adjournment above the meeting was opened by the Moderator.

Article 1. Voted to pafs over the first article for the present.

" 2. Voted to pass over the 2. Articl for the present.

" 3. Voted to pafs over the 3. Article for the present.

" 4. Voted to pafs over the 4. Article.

" 5. Voted, after first hearing the Report and some remarks on the subject of this Article by several individuals, that the Article be pafsed over.

" 6. Westminster Roads. Report on. The Committee chosen to superintend the making of the Two new Roads to Westminster made seperate Reports on each Road Report on the Road South of the Turnpike so called was read and accepted by the Town whereupon it was Voted that the Committee whenever the amount of interest lost to the

Town by the delay in finishing the Road by C. Marshall and deducting the same from what has been withheld shall pay him the remainder. Report on the North Road was then read whereupon it was Voted that the Report be recommitted to the Committee on said Road with full and ample powers to Settle with the contractors and cancel all bonds given by Said contractors as they may think right and just.

" 1. The first Article was then taken up when the Selectmen made their Report on the Subject of this Article which was read and rejected.

" 7. Road on the Musterfield. Refered to Com. of Highways — Voted that the Committee of Highways be instructed with full and ample powers to raise the Road and construct a Bridge or Bridges on the Musterfield so called and make the road good and pafsable.

" 8. Voted to pass over the 8. Article.

" 9. Voted to grant to Elisha Carter the liberty to erect a gate &c as set forth in the 9. Article in the warrant.

" 2d. David D. Mc.Intire's Road Report on. The 2 Article was then taken up when the Selectmen made their report on the Petition of David D. McIntire and others which follows.

Report.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town, a town way as follows: Beginning at a Stake and Stones on the North side of the Road leading to Ashburnham on the Easterly side of a small brook on land of Silas Parkhurst—thence through said

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Parkhurst's land North 31º East 21. Rods—Thence same course on land of Samuel Cooper & David D. McIntire 3½. Rods—Thence on Said Mc-Intire's land North 13º East 38 Rods thence North 37° 30′ East 15 Rods Thence North 42º East 44 Rods Thence North 60º East 28 Rods to said Mc.Intire's house—To be 2½ Rods wide and to lie on the Easterly side of said course—we have appraised the Damage to

the said Silas Parkhurst for the Road pafsing over his lands at $18 To be paid by said Town of Fitchburg before said road is opened—and the said Cooper and said Mc.Intire release all damage for laying said way through their lands and we allow the several owners of the lands aforesaid two months to take off the wood & crops standing and growing thereon —which said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance, and when accepted & recorded is forever after to be known, as a public town way

Dated at Fitchburg this 9th day of July in the year 1838.

Horace Newton } Selectmen
Daniel Tuttle } of
Levi Kendall } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Voted to accept the above Report.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to let out and Superintend the making Said Road to their acceptance with such conditions as they may think for the interest of the town.

Article 3. The Selectmen then made their report on the petition of Elijah S. Carter which was read whereupon the Town Voted that the Article be pafsed over.

Article 1. The Select-men here made a Second Report on the subject of the first Article in the Warrant—which follows:

Your Committee chosen to take into consideration the question of Dividing School District No 6. have examined into the merits of that question and report in favor of making an additional District which shall be called No 13. The new District to be bounded beginning on the west line of the land owned by Abel Simonds, thence running Notherly on Sd Simonds land till you come to land of George Bowker Thence taking the West line of Sd Bowkers Northerly till you come to the Ashburnham road Thence down said Road till you come to west line of Crocker & Bigelow—Thence Northerly on sd line till you come to West line of Deac S. A. Wheelers land—thence Northerly on sd line till you come to the west line of Aaron

District No 13.

Wheelers farm—thence Northerly on said line till you come to District No 7. including all the above named Individuals and all the Inhabitants of District No 6. on the East side of the above described line.

Daniel Tuttle }
Daniel Works } Committee
Levi Kendall }

Dissolved. The above report was read to the Town whereupon the town Voted to accept the Report. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

[146] Warrant for Town Meeting September 3. 1838

1838. Warrant. Worcester ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are required to notify & warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections & in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday the third day of Sept. next at 5 o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles:—

Article 1. To Choose a Moderator.

2. To see if Town will vote to authorise the Prudential Committee of the several districts to employ Teachers for their common schools or act anything thereon—

3d To see if the Town will Choose one or more persons in addition to the present examining school Committee or act any thing thereon—

4th. To see if the Town will give the Fuselier' Company the use of a room in the first story of their town house for Meetings, Drills, and to keep their Tents & Camp equipage in or act any thing upon the subject they may think proper—

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting houses in said town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this

warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid—

Given under our hands & seals this twenty second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight

Horace Newton } Selectmen
Daniel Tuttle } of
Levi Kendall } Fitchburg

Worcester ſs—August 24th 1838 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections & in town affairs to meet at the time, place, & for the purposes, within directed by posting attested copies of this warrant at each of the meeting houses in this village.

Horrace Newton Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[147] Town Meeting September 3d 1838.

1838. Town Meeting September 3.

Town Hall Fitchburg September 3d 1838, at 5. o.'clock P. M. Pursuant to the forgoing Warrant the meeting was opened at the above time and place by reading the Warrant and choosing Alvah Crocker Esq Moderator.

Article 1.

Article 2.

Voted that the prudential Committee of the several School Districts be authorised to employ Teachers for their respective Districts.

Article 3

Voted to choose two in addition to the present School Committee and one to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal from town of Mr Jacob Caldwell—all on one ballott.

Voted and chose Revr Calvin Lincoln
" Appleton Morse
" Ebenezer W. Bullard
School Committee in add.

School Com. in addition

Article 4. Fusilier Com. Grant to.

Voted that the Subject of this the 4 Article be referred to the Committee on the Town House with instructions to grant every accommodation to the Fusilier Company so far as they can without too much sacrifice to the Town.

Dissolved. Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant. Novm. 12. Warrant. for Town Meeting November 12. 1838.

To either of the Constable of the Town of Fitchburg:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify & warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town house in said town, on Monday the 12th day of November next at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, being the second Monday of said month—To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for six Senators, on one ballot, for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing Also to determine whether the town will send any Representatives to represent them in the next General Court—(and if) to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for one or more Representative to represent them in the next General Court to be convened at Boston on the first wednesday of January next Also to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to Congrefs for District No. 5—

Also at three o'clock on the same day at said Town house to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a County

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1838. Commifsioner in place of Jared Weed Esqr. resigned, to serve in said office for the residue of said term and untill some other person shall be chosen & qualified in his place—And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid—

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight

Horace Newton
Daniel Tuttle } Selectmen of Fitchburg
Daniel Works
Levi Kendall

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the time, place & for the purpose within specified by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the meeting houses in the Village of Fitchburg as within directed— T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[149] Town Meeting November 12. 1838.

1838. Town Meeting November 12.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 12. 1838 at 1. o'clock P. M. Being the Second Monday of said Month Pursuant to the Warrant foregoing the meeting was called to order by the Selectmen and the Meeting was opened by reading the Warrant when it was Voted that the List of Voters should be read which was done and corrected.

Votes were then received for Governor, & Lt. Governor, and for Six Senators for the District of Worcester County which were sorted counted and declared as the Law directs and were as follows.

Governor. For Governor. Whole number of Votes was four hundred & Ten . . . . . =410.
Edward Everett had. Two Hundred sixteen Votes . . . . =216.
Marcus Morton had. One Hundred Ninty four Votes . . =194.

Lt. Governor For Lt. Governor. Whole number of Votes was Four Hundred thirteen . . =413.
George Hull had Two Hundred Twenty Votes . . . . . =220.
Theodore Sedgwick had One Hundred Ninty three . . . =193.

Senators

For Senators. Whole number of Votes was
Four Hundred nine . . . . =409.

Linus Child	had	187.	Votes.
William Hancock	"	187.	"
Thomas Kinnicutt	"	188.	"
Artemas Lee	"	187.	"
James G. Carter	"	187.	"
James Allen	"	187.	"
John Spurr	"	187.	"
Sullivan Sumner	"	187.	"
Nathaniel Wood	"	188.	"
Charles Sibley	"	187.	"
Jedediah Morey	"	187.	"
Nathaniel Rand	"	185.	"
Pliny Merrick	"	35.	"
Joseph Davis	"	34.	"
Amory Holman	"	35.	"
Ephraim Stone	"	35.	"
Otis Hayden	"	34.	"
Samuel Wood	"	34.	"

Representatives.

Voted to send Two Representatives to the General Court the year ensuing.

Voted to choose them by single ballott. Votes were received sorted counted and declared as the law directs and were as follows:

For First Representative.

Whole number of Votes was 397.

Francis Perkins	had	208.	Votes and was chosen
Nathaniel Wood	"	178.	"
David Boutelle	"	4.	"
Josiah Sheldon	"	2.	"
Amos Durant	"	2.	"
Samuel Willis	"	1.	"
Levi Downe	"	1.	"
Alpheus Kimball	"	1.	"

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Representatives

For Second Representative

Whole number of Votes was 406.

David Boutelle had 205. and was chosen

Nathaniel Wood	"	190.
Samuel Willis	"	4.
Daniel Tuttle	"	2.
Alpheus Bowtelle	"	1.
Joseph Downe	"	1.
Payson Williams	"	1.
Isaiah Putnam	"	1.
Francis Perkins	"	1.

Representative to Congress.

Votes were received Sorted, counted, and declared for a Representative to Congrefs for District No 5, and were as follows.

For Representative to Congrefs.

Whole number of Votes was 390.
Levi Lincoln had 186. Votes
Isaac Davis " 172. "
Charles Allen " 32. "

County Commis

At 3. o'clock P. M. Votes for County Commiſsioner in place of Jared Weed resigned were Reed, Sorted, counted and declared and were as follows whole number of Votes was 303.

Nathan Heard had 163. Votes
Zachariah Sheldon " 128. "
Samuel Lee " 12. "

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

November 12. Warrant.

Warrant For Town Meeting November 12. 1838.

Worcester fs: To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester, greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are required to notify & warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections & in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on monday the 12th day of November next at 1 O'clock in the afternoon then & there to act on the following Articles;—After organising said Meeting

1st To see if the town will authorise their Committee chosen to keep in repair their Engines & fire ap-

peratus to procure a Hose Carriage for Engine No 2 or act any thing upon the subject

2d To see if the town will accept a road as laid out by their Selectmen for the use of Arrington Gibson 2d—beginning at a stake & stones 2½ rods from the southeast corner of said Gibson's house in a range with the south side

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thence S. 13º 30′ W—16 rods thence S. 21° 45′ W. 15½ rods on land of said Gibson—thence S. 26° 30′ W. 31 rods—thence S. 39° W. 21 rods on land of Amos Lawrence to the road

3d To see if the town will accept of another road as laid out by their Selectmen for the use of Eliakim Davis—beginning at a stake by the wall on the easterly side of the pafsway to the house of said Davis in a range with the south side of said house—thence S. 27º W. 39 rods acrofs land of said Davis—thence N. 81º 15′ W. 12 rods & 9 links to a stake & stones —thence S. 13º 45′ W. 20 rods thence S. 7º W. 28 rods thence S. 11° W. 30 rods & 23 links to the road leading from Edward Smith's to the county road—

4th To see if the town will appropriate any portion of the money raised for the support of schools the present year; to school District No 13 or act any thing upon the subject—

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting houses in said town 7 days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Eight.

Horace Newton
Daniel Tuttle
Daniel Works
Levi Kendall
} Selectmen of Fitchburg

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections & in town affairs, to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes within specified, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the meeting houses in the village of Fitchburg as within directed— T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[152] 1838.

Town Meeting November. 12. 1838.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 12. 1838. at 1. O'clock P. M. the meeting was opened Pursuant to the foregoing warrant by reading the same and choosing Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator—there being another meeting at the same hour it was Voted that this meeting be adjourned to 4. o'clock at which time the meeting was opened

Article 1 Hose Carriage $25. for.

Voted to appropriate the sum of 25. Dollars to procure a Hose Carriage for Engine No 2

Article 2

The Selectmen then made the following Report.

Arrington Gibson 2d Road. Report

We the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of Arrington Gibson 2d a town way as follows. Begining at a Stake and Stones 2½ Rods from the southeast corner of said Gibsons House in a range with the south side—thence S. 13º 30′ W. 16. rods—thence S. 21º 45′. W. 15½ Rods on land of said Gibson—thence S. 26º 30′. W. 31. rods—thence S. 39º W. 21. rods on land of Amos Lawrence Jr to the road leading by said Lawrence's house—and to be 2½ rods wide and to lie on the westerly side of said course—and we could not agree with said Lawrence for the amount of damage but we appraise the same at $.70.00 to be paid by the said town of Fitchburg before said road is opened and the said Gibson relinquished all damages for laying said way through his land. Which said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this 30th day of October 1838.

Horace Newton } Selectmen
Daniel Tuttle } of
Levi Kendall } Fitchburg

Attest. J. A. Marshall T. Clerk

Arrington Gibsons 2d Road Accepted on Conditions

After the above report was read it was Voted to accept the same provided said Gibson give bonds to the town to build said road free of any expence to the town by the first day of November next to be finished to the acceptance of the Selectmen.

Article 3

Voted to pafs over the third Article.

Article 4. Schools Money for how appro.

Voted that the Selectmen have full powers to appropriate the money already raised for the support of Schools among the present several School Districts at their discretion

Voted to Dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[153] 1838. Warrent.

Warrant for Town Meeting December 31. 1838.

Worcester fs: To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town house, in said town, on Monday, the 31st day of December Int' at 3. O'clock in the afternoon, then & there to give in their votes for a County Commissioner, to serve in said office for the residue of the term for which Jared Weed was elected and untill some other person shall be chosen and qualified in his place—

To see if the town will allow bills to William Wilder for services in burying Mr Fuller and Eph. Adams, or act any thing upon the subject they may think proper—

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting houses in said town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and seals, this fifteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Eight

Horace Newton } Selectmen
Daniel Tuttle } of
Daniel Works } Fitchburg

By Virtue of this Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes within specified, by posting up attested copies of this warrant, at each of the meeting houses in the Village of Fitchburg as within directed. T. S. Wilson, Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[154] 1838. Town Meeting. December 31.

Town Meeting December 31. 1838.

Town Hall Fitchburg December 31. 1838. At 3. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was called to order by the Selectmen at the above time and place the meeting was opened by reading the Warrant and also the return of the Examiners of Votes for the County of Worcester—after which Votes were received for a County Commissioner in place of Jared Weed resigned as set forth in the Warrant. The votes were reed. Sorted counted and declared as the law directs and were as follows—

County Commis.

The Whole number of Votes for a County Commissioner was One hundred twenty three=123.

John W. Lincoln	had	70.
Nathan Heard	"	44.
William Eaton	"	8.
Abel Fox	"	1

The meeting for Town businefs was organised by choosing Capt Zachariah Sheldon Moderator when the bill of William Wilder was presented and read upon which it was voted that his bill be allowed as set forth in the warrant the amount was about $10.—

Voted to dissolve the meeting—

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Fitchburg Feb. 28th 1839. To Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

We hereby certify that we have determined to Tax all the real Estate of Thomas E. Daniels that lays in this town in School District No 13. he being a nonresident

Daniel Tuttle
Chedl Marshall } Assessors of Fitchburg
Alpheus Kimball

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[155] 1839. March 4 Warrant.

Warrant For Town Meeting March 4. 1839

Seal. Seal. Seal. Seal.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the fourth day of March next at 9. O'clock in the fore noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1 To choose all necessary Town Offices for the year ensuing.

" 2d To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer collector of Taxes or act anything respecting a collector they may think proper.

" 3d To hear the Report of their committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer, and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors, for the year past.

" 4th To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Afsessors for the year ensuing.

" 5th To hear the report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their workhouse and poor establishment the year past—

" 6th To choose a Committee to ascertain and report the expenses of supporting their poor the year ensuing—

" 7th To hear the report of their Committee for keeping in repair their highways and Bridges the past year

" 8th To determine the manner of repairing the highways, Town ways, and Bridges the year ensuing—

" 9th To see what sum or sums of Money the Town will raise to repair their highways & bridges the year ensuing

" 10th To see what sum or sums of Money the Town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing and act any thing in regard to expending the money so raised they may think proper

" 11th To see what sums or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary town charges the year ensuing or act thereon

" 12th To hear the report of their school committee Chosen for the examination of schools, & Teachers

" 13th To choose a Committee for the purpose of examining schools & Teachers the ensuing year—

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1839. Article 14th To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing either of the Bells the year ensuing.

" 15th To See if the Town will allow Engine-men who shall perform the duty required by Law the year ensuing, a sum equal to their Poll Tax.

" 16th To See if the Town will restrain Horses, Neat Cattle and Swine, from running at large the year ensuing within said Town.

" 17th To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of Town the year ensuing.

" 18th To See if the Town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor farm for one or more years or act anything thereon.

" 19th To see if the Town will abate the Tax for 1838. on one half the Factory in South Fitchburg belonging to J. A. Marshall as Assignee of Z. Sheldon or act anything thereon.

" 20th To take into consideration the location of a Town Road leading by Capt. Sheldons Shop near the

Village and act anything in regard to said road or location they think proper.

" 21st. To see if the town will accept a Town way as laid out by their Selectmen on petition of Eliakim Davis (laid before the town last fall and not accepted)

" 22d To choose a Committee to take charge of the Town House in Fitchburg the year ensuing

" 23d To choose a Committee to take charge of the Fire Engines, Engine Houses and all the Fire apparatus belonging to the Town.

" 24th To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.

" 25th To see if the Town will take any measures to district the Town anew or act anything upon the subject they may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meetinghouses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and Seals this thirteenth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Horace Newton
Daniel Tuttle } Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Daniel Works
Levi Kendall

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes within specified by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the meetinghouses in the village of Fitchburg as within directed.

T. S. Willson Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[157] Town Meeting March 4th 1839.

1839. Town meeting March 4.

Town Hall Fitchburg March 4, 1839. at 9. O'clock A. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened at the above time and place by reading the warrant and choosing Alvah Crocker Esq Moderator.

Moderator

Article 1st. Town Clerk

Voted and chose s Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk. who took the Oath required by Law of a Town Clerk in open Town meeting before Alvah Crocker Esq Moderator of the meeting.

:S: Oaths

The letter s. is prefixed to the names of all officers of whome an Oath is by Law required and who took the oath faithfully to perform the duties of their respective offices before the Town Clerk in Open Town Meeting—and all who have taken said Oath since the day on which they were chosen will have the date of Day & Month prefixed to said letter s

Prayers.

Prayers were then offered by the Reverend Mr Bullard.

Selectmen.

Voted and chose s. Alpheus Boutelle.
s. Amos Durant.
s. John Coldwell. Selectmen.

Assessors

Voted and chose (May 14. s Alpheus Kimball
s. Levi Down
s. Cyrus Thurston
Assessors.

Here the meeting adjourned to half past One O'clock P. M. on the arrival of said time the meeting was opened by the Moderator.

Overseers of Poor.

Voted and chose William Carlton
Chedorlaomer Marshall
John T Farwell
Overseers of the Poor.

Town Treasurer

Voted and chose Francis Perkins Esq Town Treasurer who was afterwards excused and the Town voted and chose (March 9.) s Benjamin Snow Town Treasurer in place of Mr Perkins excused above.

Voted to defer the choosing of School Committee to the Adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to defer the choosing of Highway Surveyors for the present.

Constables.

Voted and chose March 21. s Alpheus Kimball
s Chedorlaomer Marshall
s Horace Newton
s Timothy S. Willson
Constables.

Voted not to choose Tythingmen.

Field Drivers — Voted and chose s Joseph Pierce
Benjamin Brown
s Levi Farwell
s Sumner D. Boynton
s William Johnson Field Drivers.

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Articl 1st. Fence Viewers. — Voted and chose Apr 1. s Martin Newton
s. Asa Ramond
s. Moses Hale
s. William Carlton
s. Abel Fox Fence Viewers.

Surveyors of Lumber — Voted and chose s. John Prichard
s. Josiah Sheldon
James Hartwell
March 5. s. Abijah Hartwell
John B. Marshall
Surveyors of Lumber.

Measurers of Wood — Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint Measurers of Wood & Bark.

Sealers of Leather — Voted and Chose s. Asa Partridge
s. John Sawyer
Sealers of Leather.

Cullers of Hoops & Staves. — Voted and chose s. Jeremiah Kinsman Jr
s. Jesse Spaulding
Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Pound Keeper — Voted and chose s. Ross C. Stevens Pound Keeper.

Fire Wards. — Voted and chose Alpheus Kimball Chief Engineer
Jonas A. Marshall
Josiah Sheldon Assistant Eng
Robert Friar
John H. Wheeler
Horace Newton
Alvah Crocker
Ebenezer Torrey
Abial J. Towne
Samuel Willis Ass. Eng.
John Caldwell
Zachariah Sheldon Fire Wards

At a meeting of the Fire Wards chosen by the Town Voted and chose Capt Alpheus Kimball Chief Engineer and Josiah Sheldon & Samuel Willis Assistants.

Article 2d. Collection of Taxes.

Voted that the collection of the Taxes be let out to the lowest bidder by the Moderator the bidder to procure good and sufficient bonds to the acceptance of the Selectmen upon which it was set up by the moderator and struck off to Chedorlaomer Marshall at one Doller & one cent on the hundred Dollars.

Mr Marshall offered for his bondsmen Mefsrs William Carlton & Daniel Tuttle who were accepted by the Town

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Article 2.

Voted and chose Chedorlaomer Marshall Collector.

Article 3. Treasury State of

The committee chosen to Settle with the Treasurer for the past year made their Report which was read and accepted by which it appears that the Ballance against the Town or the Town owes a debt of $.2747.36. the Report is on file in the Town Clerks Office and of course all the facts in said Report will be shown on the Treasurers Books therefore the clerk thinks it unnecessary that these reports should be recorded on his books although it has heretofore been customary.

Article 4th Com. to Settle with Treasur &c

Voted to choose a Committee of three to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors the year ensuing.

Voted and chose Joseph Simonds
David Boutelle
Jonas Marshall Said Committee.

Article 5th

The committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of the Poor establishment the year past here made their Report which was read and accepted

The committee Say "we find a Ballance against the Town of $980.82. the above above show the whole expence of paupers at the house of correction, Mr Bennetts family &c". The Report is on file.

Article 6. Voted to choose a committee to ascertain and report the expenses for supporting the Poor the year ensuing.

Committee on Poor for 1840. Voted and chose Horace Newton
Levi Farwell
Josiah Sheldon
Abel F. Adams
Joshua Goodridge Said Committee.

Article 7. Report of Com. of Highways The committee of Highways here made their Report which was read & accepted and on file in clerks office.

Article 8. Voted to pafs over this Article to adjournment.

Article 7. Committee on Subject of Roads Voted to take up the 7 Article. Voted to add seven to the present Road Committee to consider and report at the adjournment of this meeting the best method for the Town to adopt to keep their Highways and Bridges in repair for the future

Voted & chose Nathaniel Wood Esq
Abel F. Adams
John D. Pratt
John Whitcomb
Isaac B. Woodard
Barker Gibson
David Boutelle Said Committee

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Article 9. Voted to pafs over the 9 Article to adjournment.

Article 10. Voted to pafs over the 10 Article to adj.

Article 11 $2000. For Town Charges Voted to raise the Sum of Two Thousand Dollars to defray necessary Town charges the year ensuing.

Article 24th Voted to take up the 24. Article in the warrant.

County Treasurer. Votes were then Reed—Sorted—counted and declaration thereof made as the Law directs for County Treasurer which were as follows

Whole number of Votes given in for County Treasurer Fifty four

Anthony Chase. had 54. Votes for that office.

Article 17. Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

Adjourned Here the Town Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at 1. O'clock P. M.

April 1. 1839

Pursuant to adjournment the town meeting was opened at the Town Hall Monday April 1. 1839. at 1. O'clock. P. M. by the Moderator

Article 12 School Com. Report

The School Committee here made their Report which was Read to the town and accepted. and is on file in Clerks office

Article 13 School Committee

Voted and chose Rev. Calvin Lincoln
" E. Bullard
" Mr Smith
Alvah Crocker
Thomas C. Caldwell
John Smith 2d
E. W. Reed
School Committee

Article 14. $20. Ring. Bell.

Voted to appropriate the Sum of 20. Dollars for ringing either of the Bells the year ensuing.

Article 15

Voted to pafs over the 15. Article.

Article 16 Horses Restrained &c

Voted that Horses, Neat Cattle & Swine be restrained from running from running at large the year ensuing.

Article 18. Overseers authorized to contract.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be Authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm for one or more years.

Article 19.

Voted to pafs the 19 Article over.

Article 20 Road by Cap Sheldon's Shop

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to locate and establish the bounds of the by Capt. Sheldons Shop.

Article 22

Voted to choose a committee to take charge of the Town House

Committee on Town House

Voted and chose Jonas Marshall
Joseph Townshend
William Carlton Said Committee

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Article 23

Voted to choose a Committee of three to take charge of the Fire Engines, Engine Houses and all the Fire apparatus belonging to the Town.

Committee on Engines &c.

Voted and chose Abijah Hartwell
Chedorlaomer Marshall
Benjamin Snow Said Committee.

Article 25 Voted to pafs over the 25 Article.

Article 7 The Road Committee with the addition chosen March 4. to take into consideration the subject of keeping our Roads in repair here made their Report or Reports which follows.

Reports on the Subject of Roads

Fitchburg March 16th 1839. We the undersigned being a part of the Committee chosen by the town at the march meeting to take into consideration and Report to the town the best method of keeping our Roads in repair the year ensuing Report that in their Opinion it will be for the advantage of the town to hire an Agent and two other men by the month, for seven months who shall make it their sole businefs to work on the Road, that the Town purchase four Oxen with cart, Plough and other necessary tools, that when they work in the vicinity of the Town Farm they shall make that their home and at all times on the Sabath, that the Town choose a committee of three to have the care of the Roads & Bridges and contract with a suitable person for Agent and carry this Report into effect.

Joseph Upton
John D. Pratt
William Carlton
Daniel Lowe
Barker Gibson
Fitchburg March 16th 1839. Abel F. Adams.

We the undersigned being a part of the Committee chosen by the town at the March meeting to take into consideration and Report to the Town the best method of keeping our Roads in repair the year ensuing Report, that it will be for the advantage of the Town to have the South Road so called let out by the Selectmen and the remainder of the Roads in the town be divided into Districts and Surveyors chosen as formally

John Whitcomb
Joshua Goodridge
Samuel A. Wheeler
Isaac B. Woodward

The above Reports having been Read to the town the Majority Report was Rejected and the Report of the Minority accepted.

Article 8. Voted to choose twenty three Highway Surveyors. Voted and chose the following

Highway Surveyors

s Alonzo P. Goodridge
(April 15) s David Boutelle
s Charles Russell
s Samuel Hawes
s David D. McIntire
(Deem 25 s Charles P. Deene
(June 3) s Josiah Caswell
May 30 s Lorin Wheeler
s John Andrews
s Asa Ramond
s Abel Bruce
s Benjamin Brown
(June 1) s Robert Sampson
s William Woodbury
s Joseph Upton
s Samuel W. Harris
John Hapgood
May 13. s Levi Kendall
s. James McIntire
s. Daniel Kinsman
s. Nathan Prescott
s. Samuel Sheldon
s. Abraham Osborn Highway Surveyors.

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Article 8. Bridge Committee. Voted to choose a Committee of three to keep in repair their Bridges the year ensuing. Chose

Josiah Sheldon
Samuel A. Wheeler
Daniel Tuttle Bridge Committee.

Article 9. $1600. for Highways, Bridges. Voted to raise the Sum of Sixteen hundred Dollars for the repair of Highways & Bridges the year ensuing and that .12. cts be allowed per hour for work.

Article 10. $1500. For Schools.

Voted to Raise the Sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing to be apportioned by the Selectmen as last year.

Article 21.

Voted to pafs over the 21. Article.

all the articles in the Warrant having been disposed of the meeting was Dissolved.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Warrant. March 4, 1839

Warrant for Town Meeting March 4, 1839.

Seal. Seal. Seal.

Worcester ff—To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the county of Worcester, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify & warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town house in said town, on Monday the fourteenth day of March next at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, then & there to give in their votes for a County Commifsioner to fill a vacancy in the Board of county Commifsioners for said County caused by the resignation of Jared Weed Esquire to serve in said office for the residue of the term for said Jared Weed was elected & untill some other person shall be chosen. and qualified in his place And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and seals this thirteenth day of Febuary in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine

[163] 1839. March 4.

Horace Newton, Daniel Tuttle, Levi Kendall } Selectmen of Fitchburg.

By Virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the time place and for

the purposes within specified by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the meeting houses in the Village of Fitchburg as within directed

T. S. Wilson Cunstable of Fitchburg.

Attest. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting March 4. 1839.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by reading the warrant at 1. o'clock P. M. March 4. at Town Hall for voting for County Commifsioner as set forth in said warrant. the Report of the board of Examinors of the result of the last Election was also read. Votes for a County Commifsioner were then reed by the Selectmen which were sorted, counted and declared, as the law directs—as follows Whole number of Votes for County Commifsioner was Two hundred and thirty two votes.

Votes for County Commissioner.

John W. Lincoln had 98. Votes
Nathan Hurd " 98. "
Edmund Cushing " 36 "

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

To Jonas A Marshall Clerk of the town of Fitchburg we the subscribers the selectmen of Fitchburg have appointed Abijah Hartwell to be a sealer of weights & measures for the year ensuing—

Dated at Fitchburg
this 17th Day of April 1839

Alpheus Boutell } Selectmen
Amos Durant } of
John Coldwell } Fitchburg

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Warrant For Town Meeting April 1. 1839.

Worcester ff. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town house, in said town on monday the first day of April next at 9 o'clock in the fore noon then and there to act on the following articles:—

1st— To give in their Votes for a County Commifsioner to fill a vacancy in the board of County Commifsioners for said county caused by the resignation of Jared Weed Esquire to serve in said office for the residue of term For which said Jared Weed was elected and untill some other person shall be chosen and qualified in his place. Polls to be open at 9 O'clock A. M—

2nd To Choose a Moderator to transact Town businefs

3rd To see if the Town will take any measure to widen the road on Manoosnuck hill (so call'd) or act any thing thereon

4th To see if the Town will instruct their present road Committee to put in force the Bond given the Town by Ivers Phillips and Daniel Works if the same shall be necefsary or act any thing thereon

5th— To See if the Town will consent to take by appraisal all the school houses belonging to the several Districts and Assume hereafter to themselves the responsibility of Building—and keeping in repair the same or act any thing thereon

6th To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen on the Petition of Abram Osborne and 21 others for a road Commencing near the house of Eph^{m} Osborn Jr. thence northerly over land of Eph^{m} Osborn jr. Upton & Haws Thomas Harris Abel Fullum Alvah Crocker and Alvah Crocker & Co. to the new road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town eight days at least before the time for holding said [**165**] meeting Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this twenty third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine

Alpheus Boutell }
Amos Durant } Selectmen of
John Coldwell } Fitchburg

I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of this town as within directed by posting attested copies of the within on each of the three public meeting-houses in this town.

C. Marshall Constable of Fitchburg

Fitchburg March 23d 1839.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting April 1. 1839.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 1. 1839. at 9. o'clock A. M. Pursuant to the warrant foregoing the meeting was call to order by Capt Alpheus Boutell chairman of the board of Selectmen and the meeting duly opened by reading the Warrant and the return of the Examinors Votes were then reed. for a County Commissioner in place of Jared Weed Esq resigned which were sorted, counted and declared as the Law directs and were as follows: Whole number of Votes 194.

Article 1.

County Commissioner.

Nathan Heard had 105. Votes
John W. Lincoln " 82. "
William N. Green " 7. "

At 12. o'clock this meeting was adj to 4. P. M.

Article 2.

4. o'clock P. M. the meeting the meeting was opened by choosing Alvah Crocker Esq moderator under the 2d Article of the Warrant.

Article 3.

Voted to pafs over the third Article.

Article 4. Roads inst. to Committee on.

Voted that the Committee of Highways be empowered and instructed to put in force the bonds given to the Town by Ivers Phillips and Daniel Works. Voted that said committee be authorized to give to the Road contractors until the 25 of May next to put their roads in repair according to contract if so long a time should be necessary.

Article 5.

Voted, after much debate on the subject, to pafs this, the 5 Art. over.

Article 6. E. Osborn's Road Committee on.

Voted to choose a committee of five to examine the rout for for a Road from Ephraim Osborns to the Road to Westminster and all other Routs for Roads from the South part of the Town.

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1839. E. Osborn's Road Committee on

Town Meeting April 1. 1839.

Voted and chose Jonas Marshall.
Alvah Crocker.
Samuel A. Wheeler.
Zachariah Sheldon.
Chedorlaomer Marshall.

Voted to add one to said Committee. Chose Levi Downe. Committee.

Adjourned

Voted to adjourn to the day of the next Town meeting and immediately after said next Town meeting.

May 6. 1839. Pursuant to adjournment the businefs of the meeting called this day having been finished and that meeting Dissolved this meeting was opened by the moderator thereof.

Article 6.

The statements of the committee chosen at this meeting prior to adjournment having been heard. The Selectmen made the following Report:

Report of Selectmen of Road from Ephm. Osbon's Jr. Accepted.

Damages on See Page 171.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows—Beginning at a Stake and Stones on the North Side of the Old Turnpike Road near the house of Ephraim Osborn Jr running N. 8º E: 9. Rods to a Stake marked—thence N. 4º E. 21. Rods 14 links to a Stake marked thence N. 26º W. 21. Rods 12. links through land of Ephraim Osborn Jr. thence same course 4. Rods 13 links to a hemlock tree mk—thence N. 10º W. 29. Rods 4. links to a small Maple Marked—thence N. 6º E. 9 Rods 3. links a Maple tree Marked—thence N. 9º E. 16. Rods to hemlock tree—thence N. 2½º W. 6. Rods to hemlock tree—thence 27.º W. 8 rods to a pine tree—thence N. 64½º W. 6. Rods 17. links to a pine tree—thence N. 79.º W. 10. Rods through land of Upton & Hawes—thence same course 4. Rods to Yellow Birch—thence N. 41º W. 2. Rods 8. links to yellow Birch—thence N. 30º W. 5 Rods to hemlock tree—thence N. 3º W. 4. Rods 15. links to Beech tree—thence N. 8½° E. 1. Rod through land of Thomas

Harris—thence same course 45. Rods 11. links to a Stake on Abel Fullums line—thence N. 7¼° E. 7. Rods 21. links to White Birch tree—thence N. 4½° E. 12. Rods 8. links to small White Oak—thence N. 6½° E. 9. Rods to Hemlock—thence 5½° E. 1 Rod to the River—thence same course 21. Rods. 10. links to a Poplar tree—thence N. 31½° E. 6. Rods on land of A. Crocker & A. Crocker & co. to hemlock tree on the east side of the new Road to Westminster—All the bounds on the easterly side of said course—said Road to be 3. Rods Wide—And we have appraised the damages as follows. To E. Osborn Jr nothing—Upton & Hawes nothing—to Thomas Harris nothing—to A. Fullum $50. to A. Crocker nothing—to A. Crocker & Co. nothing—all said sums to be paid by said town of Fitchburg before said road is opened and we allow [**167**] the several owners of land aforesaid, untill the first of April 1840, to take off the wood and timber standing thereon—which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town way—

Dated at Fitchburg this 23d day of March 1839.

Alpheus Boutelle } Selectmen
John Coldwell } of
Amos Durant } Fitchburg.

After hearing the above Report it was voted that the same be accepted Provided Abraham Osborn give bonds within ten days to the town to make the road through the land of Ephraim Osborn Jr free from any expense to the Town and to the acceptance of the Selectmen, and to be completed by the time the Town shall vote that said Road be completed. Mr Abraham Osborn has since complied with the above conditions by giving the required Bond.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Warrant. May 6. 1839.

Warrant for Town Meeting May 6. 1839.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester—

Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town House, in said Town, on Monday, the sixth day of May next at 3. O'clock in the after noon then and there to act on the following Articles:.

1st— To choose a Moderator.

2d. To See if the Town will accept the Report of the Selectmen on the petition of Levi Farwell and Six others for a Road commencing near the Tavern of Wm. Woodbury Jr thence Northerly over land of William & Sabin Woodbury, Joseph & Edwin Upton, Joseph & Levi Downe, Asa & Charles Farwell, William & Stillman Downe, Benjamin Whitney, and Levi Pratt where it intersects with the road pafsing by Capt. Levi Pratts House, or act anything in regard to said Road.

3d To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen on the petition of William Woodbury and 15. others for a road commencing near where the Toll Gate formerly stood thence Northerly over land of Joseph Palmer, Joseph Farnsworth, Dorothy Boutelle

[168] 1839. Thomas Dammon, Benjamin Snow, Levi Farwell, Pearson & Benjamin Brown, Jabez Farbanks where it intersects with the roads pafsing by the Widow Elizabeth Fullams house, or act any thing in regard to said road.

4 To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen on the location and establishment of the bounds on the Road pafsing by Capt Sheldons Shop, as directed by a vote of the town.

5th To see if the town will accept a town way, as laid out by their Selectmen on the petition of Eliakim Davis (laid before the town last fall, and not accepted).

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the

public meeting-houses in said town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine Alpheus Boutell, Amos Durant, John Caldwell } Selectmen of Fitchburg.

Fitchburg April 27. 1839. I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg as within directed

C. Marshall Constable of Fitchburg

Attest.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1839. Town Meeting May 6.

Town Meeting May 6. 1839.

Town Hall Fitchburg May 6. 1839. 3. O'clock P. M. The meeting was opened pursuant to the Warrant foregoing by reading the warrant and acting on the first Article by choosing Alvah Crocker Esq Moderator.

Article 1.

Article 2 Roads

The Report of the Selectmen on the petition of Levi Farwell and others was read, considered, Rejected and the Article pafsed over.

Article 3 Rejected from the South part of the Town

The Report of the Selectmen on the petition of William Woodbury and others was Read to the town, Debated, & Rejected by pafsing over the Article.

Article 4. Road by Capt Z. Sheldons Shop

The Selectmen here Reported their doings on the subject of the fourth Article in the Warrant—the subject was debated at much length & then it was Voted to pafs the Article over.

Article 5 Eliakim Davis' Road Rejected

The subject of this Article was considered and the Article pafsed over.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant. June 3. 1839.

Warrant for Town Meeting June 3. 1839.

Worcester. fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester.

Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said town, on Monday the third day of June next at 3. O'clock in the after noon then and there to act on the following articles:

1st To bring in their Votes for a County Commissioner in the room of Jared Weed Esq resigned.

2d To choose a Moderator.

3d To see if the Town will make any compensation to Ephraim Osborn Jur and others for damages caused by the new Road (recently accepted by the town) pafsing through their land and act any thing in regard to said damages they may think proper.

4th To see what time the town will give in which to make and complete the new Road from Ephr Osborns Jur to the Westminster new road, Also to see whether the town will have a Stone or Wooden Bridge erected over the river on said Road. Also to choose a committee to let out and superintend the making of said Road, and act anything in regard to said Road they may think proper.

5th To see what measures the town will take respecting a suit brought against the town by Asa W. Willoughby "for labor and materials found" and act any thing in regard to choosing an Agent or agents to manage said suit they may think proper.

[170] 1839. Warrant Continued. 6th To see if town will choose a Committee to enquire into the situation and location of the road leading by Capt Z. Sheldons Shop, and give instructions if they shall fit

7th To see if the Town will choose any additional Highway Surveyors

8th To see if the Town will instruct their Highway Surveyors to reserve any portion of the Highway Tax to be laid out in the months of March and April the coming year.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the

public meeting houses in said Town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 22d day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty nine

Alpheus Boutelle } Selectmen
Amos Durant } of
John Caldwell } Fitchburg

May 25th 1839 I have this day notified and warned the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg as within directed. C. Marshall Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

June 3d. 1839. Town Meeting

Town Meeting June 3. 1839.

Town Hall Fitchburg June 3, 1839. 3. O'clock P. M. The meeting was opened at the above time and place pursuant to the foregoing Warrant by Reading the Warrant and the return of the Examiners—

Votes were then received, sorted counted and declared for a County Commissioner in place of Jared Weed Esqr. by the Selectmen as follows—

Article 1. County Commis

Whole number of Votes for County Commissioner 86.

John W. Lincoln	had	34.	Votes
Nathan Heard	"	38.	"
William N. Green	"	13.	"
Salem Towne	"	1.	"

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Town Meeting June 3. 1839.

Article 2. Voted and chose Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator.

Article 3. Voted to choose a Committee of three to confer with the owners of Land on the subject of Damages mentioned in the 3. Article of the warrant.

Chose Jonas Marshall. Moses Hale & Isaiah Putnam said Committee.

Article 4. Osborn Road

Voted to build a Stone Bridge over the River on the Osborn Road if the Committee who shall superintend the making of said Road shall think it for the interest of the Town.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to let out and Superintend the making of the Road specified in 4 Article of the Warrant.

Committee on to Build.

Chose for Said Committee Capt. Alpheus Boutell
Capt. Amos Durant
Chedorlaomer Marshall.

To be completed by Novm. 20.

Voted that said Road (as above mentioned) be completed to the acceptance of the Committee chosen to let out and superintend the same by the twentieth of November next, and that the owners of Land may have until the middle of September next to remove the wood and timber standing on the same.

Article 5. Willoughby Suit Committee of Defence

Voted to choose a Committee of three to defend the Town against the Suit of Asa W. Willoughby.

Chose Nathaniel Wood Esq
William Carlton
Moses Hale Said Committee.

Article 6.

Voted to pafs over the 6 Article.

Article 3.

The Committee chosen above under the 3 Article Reported that the several owners of Land on said Road were unwilling to accept anything lefs than what was appraised by the Selectmen but the Committee thought that the damage ought to Stand as allowed by the Town in the Selectmens Report as amended and Recorded. after some conversation on this subject it was Voted to refer the Subject of Damages on said Road to the Selectmen for their revision after confering with the owners of land and report as soon as possible.

Damages on Osborn Road See Page 166.

The Selectmen reported the following Damages to the several owners of Land on the aforesaid Road which sums were acceptable to said owners Viz Ephraim Osborn Jr $54. Upton & Hawes $43. A. Fullum $67. Alvah Crocker $20. whereupon the town voted to accept the Selectmens Report of damages as above.

Article 7. Highway Surveyor.

Voted to choose one more Highway Surveyor.

Voted and chose (June 10 s. Abraham Osborn 2d Highway Surveyor.

Article 8. Voted to pafs over the 8. Article.
Voted to Dissolve the meeting—
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[172] Perambulation of Town Lines 1839

1839. Town Lines Perambulation With Leominster.

This certifies that we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Towns of Leominster and Fitchburg have this day purambulated and run the town lines between said towns and renewed the marks according to the Laws of this Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

Joseph Haskell, Charles Carter, Thomas Hills } Selectmen of Leominster
John Caldwell, Cyrus Thurston } Agent } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Leominster Sept. 25—1839.

Ashby

We the Selectmen of the Towns of Ashby & Fitchburg have this day perambulated the line between the said Towns according to a Law of this Commonwealth made and provided.

Nov. 29. 1839.

Abr. Haskell, Luke Willington } Selectmen of Ashby
Amos Durant, John Caldwell } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Ashburnham

The Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg and Ashburnham have this day perambulated the lines between said towns of Fitchburg and Ashburnham and renewed the marks according to a Law of this Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

Dated at Ashburnham this 30th day of November 1839.

Eleazer Frost, Ohio Whitney } Selectmen of Ashburnham
Alpheus Boutell, Amos Durant } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Lunenburg.

Nov 16. 1839. This day perambulated and run the line between the Town of Fitchburg and the town of Lunenburg found the monuments Standing and the marks legible

Amos Durant, John Caldwell } Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Daniel Low Jr, Samuel Holman } Selectmen of Lunenburg.

[173] Town Lines Perambulation with Westminster

The Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg and Westminster have this day perambulated the lines between the said of Fitchburg and Westminster and renewed the marks according to a Law of this Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

Dated at Westminster this 30th day of November 1839.—

Joseph Whitman
Stillman Brooks
Manafseh S. Forbush } Selectmen of Westminster

Alpheus Boutell
Amos Durant. } Selectmen of Fitchburg.

Warrant for Town Meeting Novm 11. 1839.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg:—In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town house, in said Town, on Monday the the 11th day of November next at 11. o'clock in the fore noon being the Second Monday of said month.

1st. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for Six Senators, on one ballot, for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing, Polls to be opened at 11. O'clock.

2d. To determine whether the Town will send any Representatives to Represent them in the next General Court, (and if so) To bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for one or more Representatives to represent them in the next General Court to be convened at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

3thd. To bring in their Votes for a County Commifsioner in the room Jared Weed Esq resigned.

4th. To choose a Moderator to transac Town businefs.

5th. To See if the Town will take any measures to raise the Road and Bridges near the Burbank Papermill or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said Meeting. Here-

of fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 25th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Alpheus Boutell } Selectmen of
Amos Durant } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. October 25th 1839. I hereby certify that I have served this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the meeting-houses in the village of Fitchburg.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[174] Town Meeting November 11, 1839.

1839. Town Meeting November. 11. 1839.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 11. 1839 11. O'clock A M. Persuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was called to order by Capt. Alpheus Boutell chairman of the Selectmen and duly opened by reading the Warrant.

The act concerning Elections of 1839. was also read.

Article 2

The second Article was first taken up by a Vote of the meeting whereupon the town Voted to send two Representatives the year ensuing and that they be Voted for on One ballot.

Article 1.

Polls were then opened for Governor Lt. Governor Six Senators for the district of Worcester County and also for two Representatives. Votes were received Sorted counted and declared for all of the above offices as the Law directs. and were as follows.

Governor.

For Governor.	Whole number of Votes		431.
	Edward Everett	had	214.
	Marcus Morton	"	216.
	Amos Durant	"	1.

Lt. Governor.

For Lt. Governor.	Whole number of Votes		432.
	George Hull	had	218.
	Nathan Willis	"	214.

Senators. For Senators. Whole number of Ballots 432.

James G. Carter	had	154.	Votes
Thomas Kinnicut	"	155.	"
Artemas Lee	"	155.	"
James Allen	"	155.	"
Charles C. P. Hastings	"	186.	"
Charles W. Wilder	"	157.	"
John Spurr	"	212.	"
Nathaniel Wood	"	215.	"
Jedediah Marcy	"	212.	"
Charles Sibley	"	212.	"
Benjamin Estabrook	"	212.	"
James Estabrook	"	212.	"
Samuel Wood	"	88.	"
Amory Holman	"	65.	"
Seneca Hills	"	65.	"
Otis Hayden	"	65.	"
Aaron Brooks Jr	"	65.	"
Charles Wilder	"	3.	"

[175] 1839. Town Meeting November 11. 1839.

Article 2. Representatives. For Representatives. Whole number of Votes 424.

Francis Perkins	had	262.	And was declared chosen.
Nathaniel Wood	"	262.	" " " "
Amos Durant	"	134.	
John Coldwell	"	134.	
Alvah Crocker	"	1.	
Josiah Sheldon	"	18.	
Levi Pratt	"	10.	
Elijah Brigham	"	2.	
Levi Downe	"	23.	
Samuel Willis	"	1.	

Article 3. County Commissioner. For County Commiſsioner.

Whole number of Votes		318.
Nathan Heard	had	105.
John W. Lincoln	"	71.
Adam Harrington	"	142.

Article 4. Voted and chose Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator

Article 5. Voted that a Committee of three be chosen who

Road & Bridges near the Burbank Paper Mill.

shall be fully authorized and empowered, to raise widen and secure the Road and Bridges and suitably rail the same near the Burbank Paper-mill, to such a hight and in such a way and manner as they may deem most for the interests of the Town, and that the Selectmen be authorized to draw their Warrant upon the Town Treasurer to defray the expence of the Same.

Committee on

For the above Committee Chose

Chedorlaomer Marshall.
William Carlton.
Levi Farwell.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[176] 1840. Warrant Jan 24.

Warrant for Town Meeting January 24. 1840.

Worcester, fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify the inhambitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Town, on Friday the 24th day of January instant at one o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:.

1st To see if the Town will vote to send a Representative to Represent them in the General Court of this Commonwealth now in session, in the place of Nathaniel Wood (elected a Senator and qualified as such)—and if so to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to represent them in the General Court now in Session—Polls to open at one o'clock.

2d To choose a Moderator to transact Town businefs.

3d To see if the Town will give any instructions to the Highway Surveyors in regard to making the roads pafsable on account of Snow the present winter or Act any thing in regard to fixing a compensation for said Surveyors aud the help they employ.

4th To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money sufficient to purchase a new Suction Fire Engine to be located in Crockerville, provided the Inhabitants in said Village will pay the Sum of three hundred dollars towards the same and the erection of a suitable Engine House for the same, or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting houses in said town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Alpheus Boutell } Selectmen
Amos Durant } of
John Caldwell } Fitchburg

Worcester, fs. January 16th 1840 I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Fitchburg as within directed. C. Marshall Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A Marshall Town Clerk.

[177] 1840. January 24. Town Meeting.

Town Meeting January 24. 1840.

Town Hall Fitchburg January 24. 1840. 1. o'clock P. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was called to order by Alpheus Boutell chairman of the Selectmen and duly opened by reading Said Warrant and the Warrant of the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives. On the question of sending a Representative Voted to choose two Tellers to count the votes, chose Henry C Whitman & Daniel Lowe for that purpose who determined the vote to be in favour of sending a Representative in place of Nathaniel Wood elected and qualified a Senator.

Article 1.

Votes were then received sorted counted and declared as the Law directs and were as follows

Representatives.

For Representative.

Whole number of Votes 267.			
William Carlton	had	161.	and was chosen
Alpheus Boutell	"	35.	
Levi Pratt	"	49.	
John Caldwell	"	2.	
Samuel Willis	"	4.	
Levi Downe	"	4.	
Josiah Sheldon	"	2.	
Ephraim Hartwell	"	1.	
Alvah Crocker	"	2.	
Timothy S. Wilson	"	1.	
Abial J. Towne	"	3.	
Henry C. Whitman	"	1.	
Amos Durant	"	2.	

Article 2 Moderator.

Voted and chose William Carlton Moderator.

Article 3. Snow Removy.

Voted to alow ten cents pr. hour for men and twelve cents pr. hour for oxen while removing snow from our Roads.

Article 4. Engine for Crockers Ville $500. for

Voted to appropriate the sum of five hundred Dollars for the procurement of a new Suction Engine to be located in Crockers Ville provided the Inhabitants of that village shall pay the sum of three hundred Dollars towards said Engine and a suitable Engine House for the same.

Committee to Procure a new Suction Fire Engine.

Voted to choose a committee of three to procure said Engine and an Engine-House for the same.

Voted and chose Alpheus Kimball
Abijah Hartwell
Abel Simonds Said Committee.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[178] 1840. March 2.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 2. 1840.

Worcester, ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified

to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday the second day of March next at 9. o'clock in the fore noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator. Polls open at 9. o'clock.

" 2d. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

" 3d. To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer collector of Taxes or Act anything respecting a collector they may think proper.

" 4th. To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to Settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors for the year past.

" 5th. To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing.

" 6th. To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expences of their workhouse and poor establishment the year past.

" 7th. To choose a Committee to ascertain and Report the expences of supporting their Poor the year ensuing.

" 8th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways town ways and bridges the year ensuing—and fix a price for labor on said roads.

" 9th. To choose a Committee to take care of the bridges the year ensuing.

" 10 To see what method the town will adopt to keep the South great Roads in repair the ensuing year.

" 11th. To see what sum or sums of Money the Town will raise to repair their Highways and Bridges the year ensuing.

" 12th. To see what sum or sums of Money the Town will raise to support their Schools the year ensuing and act anything in regard to expending the same they may think propper.

" 13th. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary town charges the year ensuing.

" 14th. To hear the report of their Shool Committeec chosen for the examination of Schools and Teachers.

[179] 1840. " 15th. To choose a committee for the purpose of examining Schools and Teachers the year ensuing.

" 16th. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing either of the bells the year ensuing.

" 17th. To see if the Town will allow Engine-men who shall perform the duty required by law the year ensuing a sum equal to their poll tax.

" 18th. To see if the Town will restrain Horses, neat-Cattle and Swine from running at large within said town the year ensuing.

" 19th. To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

" 20th. To see if the town will authorise their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their poor-farm for one or more years or act anything thereon.

" 21st. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.

" 22d. To choose a Committee to take charge of the Town House the year ensuing

" 23d. To choose a Committee to take charge of the Fire Engines, Engine Houses and all the Fire apperatus belonging to the Town.

" 24th. To see if the Town will annex Samuel S. Crocker to School District No. 4.

" 25th. To see if the Town will instruct the Prudential Committee of the several School Districts to take a census of the Scholars between the ages of 4. and 21. years on the first of May next, or act anything thereon.

" 26th. To see if the town will accept the Report of the Selectmen on the petition of Joseph Richardson and 13. others for a new town-way commencing at the end of the Road leading to James & James Parkhurst. Jr house. Thence North over land of J. & J. Parkhurst Jr and Howard Gates and William Green of Ashby to Ashby line or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the

public meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty

Alpheus Boutell } Selectmen
Amos Durant } of
John Caldwell } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. Febr'y 15th 1840 I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to afsemble as within directed. Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[180] Town Meeting March 2. 1840.

1840. March 2.

Town hall Fitchburg March 2. 1840. 9. o'clock A M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened at the above time and place by reading the Warrant and choosing Capt. Alpheus Boutell Moderator. under Art. 1.

Article 1. Moderator.

The usual Prayer was offered by Revr Mr Smith.

Article 2.

Voted to choose five Selectmen on one ballot.

Voted that the Town Clerk & Selectmen be voted for at the same time—Check List used. for the above officers.

Town Clerk.

Voted and chose s Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk who was sworn into office by Ebenezer Torrey Esq. in open Town Meeting.

Oaths.

N. B. All officers of whome an oath is required by Law and were qualified in Open town meeting on the day of election have the letter s. prefixed to their names and all who have since taken the Oath of Office have in addition to the above sign the date of the day on which they were sworn.

Selectmen.

Voted and chose s. Horace Newton
s. William Carlton
s. Daniel Tuttle
s. Abijah Hartwell
s. John L. Joslin Selectmen.

Article 21. Voted to take up the 21. Article to Vote for County Treasurer.

County Treasurer Votes were then reed sorted, counted and declared as follows

Whole number of Votes 135. for County Treasurer.

Anthony Chase had	130.	Votes
Adam Harrington	"	2. "
Nathan Heard	"	1. "
John W. Lincoln	"	1. "
Ebenezer Torrey	"	1. "

Article 1. Assessors. Voted to choose three Assessors.

Voted and Chose s. Horace Newton
s. William Carlton
s. Daniel Tuttle Assessors.

Overseers of Poor Voted and chose William Carlton
Joshua Goodridge
William Woodbury Jr
Overseers of Poor.

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Town Treasurer Voted and chose s. Ebenezer Torrey
Town Treasurer.

Constables. Voted and chose s. Timothy S. Willson
s. Horace Newton
s. Robert Sampson Constables.

Highway Surveyors. Voted and chose

(March 13. s. William Bemis
s. John Caldwell
s. Asa Sawyer
s. Benjamin Wheeler
s. Asa Farwell 2.
June 2. s. Thomas Hammond
s. Daniel Flint
s. Benjamin Hartwell
June 4. s. Arrington Gibson 2d
s. Christopher Smith
s. Thomas Eaton
(March 9 s. Levi Farnsworth
(April 6. s. Robert Sampson
(March 11. s. Charles Farwell

March 6. s. Warren Parkhurst
March 9. s. Seth P. Tylor
s. Abel Marshall
April 18. s Daniel Andrews
April 17. s Joseph T. Scott
s. Joseph Smith
s. Silas W. Hutchinson
s. John Smith
March 10. s. Stephen Tolman
s. Samuel Smith Highway Surveyors.

Tythingmen — Voted not to choose Tythingmen.

Field Drivers — Voted and chose
s. Daniel Flint
John Harris
March 7. s. Albert T. Nicholds
Asa Farwell 2d
March 5. s. Isaac Page
John Sawyer
s. John Hapgood
s. Timothy S. Wilson
s. Chedorlaomer Marshall
For Field Drivers.

Fence-viewers. — Voted and Chose April 6. s Edward Smith
s. Joseph Smith
s. Elijah Brigham
s. Abel F. Adams
March 5. s. James Hartwell
Fence Viewers.

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March Meeting Surveyors of Lumber. — Chose for Surveyors of Lumber
April 6 s Abijah Hartwell
s. Josiah Sheldon
James Hartwell
Fitch Downe
John B. Marshall.

Measurers of Wood & Bark — Voted that the Selectmen appoint measurers of Wood & Bark

Sealers of Leather — For Sealers of Leather Chose William Sandin
John Sawyer.

Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

For Cullers of Hoops and Staves
Chose s. Jeremiah Kinsman Jr
April 6. s Jesse Spaulding.

Pound Keeper.

Chose (March 5. s Isaac Page Pound Keeper.

Fire Wards.

Voted and chose Alpheus Kimball
Jonas A. Marshall
Josiah Sheldon
Robert Friar
John H. Wheeler
Horace Newton
Alvah Crocker
Ebenezer Torrey
Abial J. Towne
Samuel Willis
John Coldwell
Amos Durant
Timothy Vinton
Abel Simonds Fire Wards.

Engineers of Fire Department

At a meeting of the Fire Wards on the 10 of March 1840 for organization Capt Alpheus Kimball was chosen Chief Engineer. and Samuel Willis & Josiah Sheldon Assistant Engineers.

Article 3. Collection of Taxes $1 20 on the $100.

Voted that the Collection of Taxes be let out by the Moderator to the lowest bidder which was accordingly done and struck off to David F. McIntire at One Dollar twenty cents on the Hundred Dollars.

Collector. & Bondsmen.

Voted and chose s. David F. McIntire Collector. David F. McIntire offered Chedorlaomer Marshall and John L. Joslin as his Bondsmen who were accepted by the Town.

Article 4. Report on Treasury.

The Committee chosen to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the year past made their Report which was read and accepted.

Town Debt.

Ballance against the Town as appears by said Report $3920.97. Report on file in Town Clerks office.

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1840. Article 5. Voted to choose a Committee of three to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors the year ensuing.

Committee on Treasury 1841. Voted and chose David Boutelle
Jonas Marshall
Alpheus Boutell said committee.

Article 6. Committee on Poor. Report. The committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of our Poor the year past made their Report which was read and accepted.

$583.99. They Reported that our Poor have cost us the year past $583.99.

Expense of Poor. (A. 7. Committee on Poor. 1841. Voted to choose a Committee of three to ascertain and Report the expenses for supporting the Poor the year ensuing.

Chose Horrace Newton
Nathan Ordway
John Coldwell. Said Committee.

Article 16. $20, Ring Bell Voted to appropriate the sum of 20.$. for ringing one of the Parish bells for Town purposes the year ensuing.

Article 19. Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the use of the Town the year ensuing

Article 10. Voted that the care of the South Great Roads be assigned to the Selectmen

Article 8. Voted that a committee of three be chosen to take charge of and put in repair until the adjournment of this meeting the County Road from Leominster line to Westminster line and report the best method for the town to adopt to keep said Road in repair at the adjournment.

County Road to Ashburnham Committee on

Chose Robert Sampson
David Boutelle
Chedorlaomer Marshall for said Committee.

Article 9. Voted to choose a Committee of three to take charge of the Bridges the year ensuing.

Bridge Com. Chose Alpheus Boutell
Robert Sampson
Joshua Goodridge Bridge Committee.

Article 22 Voted to choose a Committee of three to take charge of the Town House the year ensuing.

Committee on Town House. Chose Horace Newton
John Coldwell
Arnold Willson Committee.

Article 18. Horses &c Restrained Voted that Horses, Neat Cattle and Swine be restrained from running at large the year ensuing.

Adjournment Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 16 instant at one o'clock P. M.

[184] Adjourned March Meeting 1840.

1840. March 16. Town Hall Fitchburg March 16. 1840. 1. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to Adjournment the meeting was called to order at the above time and place by the Moderator.

Article 8. 12. cts pr hour on highways. Voted to allow twelve cents per hour for men for work on the Highways.

Ashburnham Road Selectmen to have care of Voted after hearing the report of the Committee chosen under this Article, that the Selectmen take charge of the County Road to Ashburnham, from Westminster line to Leominster line the year ensuing.

Article 11. $1200. For Highways & Bridges. Voted to raise the sum of Twelve hundred Dollars for the support of Highways and Bridges the year ensuing.

Article 14. School Committees Report. The Report of the committee chosen for the examination of schools Teachers &c was read to the town whereupon it was voted that said Report be accepted and that seven hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of the Inhabitants of the Town and that they be left in the hands of the School Committee for distrabution.

Article 12. Schools $1500. for. Voted to raise the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing to be expended as last year.

Article 13. $3500. Town Charges. Voted to raise the sum of Thirty five hundred Dollars to defray necessary Town charges the year ensuing.

Article 15. Voted to choose a Committee of seven for the examination of Schools &, Teachers the year ensuing.

School Comm.

Chose. Revr Calvin Lincoln
" Ebenezer W. Bullard
" N. Smith
Alvah Crocker Esq
Hon. Nathaniel Wood
Thomas C. Caldwell
Levi Downe Esq. Committee

Article 17. Pay of Enginemen Poll Tax

Voted that Enginemen who shall perform the duty required by law the year ensuing a sum equel to their Poll Tax shall be allowed

Article 20 Overseers to Contract

Voted that the Overseers of Poor be authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of Poor-establishment for one or more years.

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Adjournment of March Meeting 1840

1840. March 16. Article 23. Committee on Fire Engines.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to take charge of the Fire Engines, Engine Houses and all the Fire Apparatus belonging to the Town.

Chose Abijah Hartwell
Alpheus Kimball
John Coldwell said Committee

Article 24 S. S. Crocker annexed to D. No 4

Voted That Samuel S. Crocker be annexed to District No 4.

Article 25. Census of Schollars

Voted that the prudential Committee in the several School Districts be directed to take a census of the Scholars in their district respectively between the ages of four and twenty One years, on the first of May next.

Article 26. Road Report on Petition of J. Richardson & Others

The Selectmen then made the following Report of a Road on the petition of Joseph Richardson and others. the Report follows.

We the subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the said town, a town way as follows—Beginning at a stake and stones, on the easterly side 2 rods 10 links easterly from the south-east corner of the Barn of James & James Parkhurst Jr in a range with the south side of said barn being at the end of the Road to said Parkhurst's house—Thence North 13º 30′ East 35 Rods through land of James & James Parkhurst Jr—

Thence North 16º 15′ East 57. Rods through land of James Parkhurst Jr—Thence North 12º 45′ East 22½ Rods partly through land of William Green & Howard Gates of Ashby to Ashby line—And we have estimated the damage for said Road as follows to James &. James Parkhurst Jr $17.00. to James Parkhurst Jr $28.00 Said Green and Gates relinquish all claim for damage for said Road—Said Road to be 2 Rods wide and lies on the westerly side of said course—which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this 14th day of February 1840.

Alpheus Boutell } Selectmen
Amos Durant } of
John Caldwell } Fitchburg

Accepted Conditionally

After hearing the above Report the town Voted to accept the same on the following conditions—That the Road should be built to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the 20th of September next and free from all expense to the town for Damage or making said Road except the sum of $95. which the Town agrees to pay. on the completion of said Road.

Dissolved

Voted to Dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[186] Warrant for Town Meeting March 2. 1840

1840. March 2.

Worcester, ſs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Town, on Monday, the second day of March next at one o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Article—

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a county Commissioner in room of Jared Weed Esqr= (resigned) to serve in said office the residue of the term for which said Jared Weed Esqr was elected and

until some other person shall be chosen and qualified in his place.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Alpheus Boutell } Selectmen
Amos Durant } of
John Caldwell } Fitchburg.

Worcester. fs: Febr^{y} 15th 1840 I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg to afsemble as within directed. Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[187] Town Meeting March 2. 1840.

1840. March 2.

Town Hall Fitchburg March 2. 1840. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened at 1. o.'clock P. M. at the above place by reading the warrant—Selectmen presiding—Votes for a County Commissioner in place of Jared Weed Esqr resigned were then reed, sorted, counted and declaration thereof made as the law directs and were as follows

Votes for County Commis.

For County Commissioner Whole number of votes 269.

Adam Harrington	had	110.	Votes
Nathan Heard	"	99.	"
John W. Lincoln	"	58.	"
Ebenezer Torrey	"	1.	"
Thomas C. Caldwell	"	1.	"

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Measurers of Wood & Bark

To the Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg—We have appointed

March 23. s. Asher Green
March 28. s. Timothy Vinton
John Sawyer
April 9. s John Kendall

March 23 s John L. Joslin
Samuel M. Dole
March 27. s William Wilder and
Samuel H. Evans measurers of Wood and Bark in the town of Fitchburg for the year ensuing, also (April 6. s) Abijah Hartwell Sealer of Weights and Measures the year ensuing.

H. Newton Chairman of board of Selectmen.

Fitchburg March 23, 1840.
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

N. B. The sign prefixed to the names of the above Officers appointed by the Selectmen exprefs the time they were qualified respectively as in the offices chosen at March meeting

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[188] 1840. Warrant April 6.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 6. 1840.

To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town House in said town on Monday the sixth day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon—then and there to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a County Commissioner to serve in said office for the residue of the term for which Jared Weed was elected, and until some other person shall be chosen and qualified in his place—Also to bring in their ballots for or against the following Article of Amendment of the Constitution of this Commonwealth as pafsed by our Legislature, and approved by the Governor March 10th 1840.

Article of Amendment.

A Census of the Inhabitants of each City and Town, on the first day of May, shall be taken, and returned into the Secretary's Office, on or before the last day of June, of the year One thousand eight

hundred and forty, and of every tenth year thereafter, which Census shall determine the apportionment of Senators and Representatives for the term of ten years.

The several Senatorial Districts now existing, shall be permanent. The Senate shall consist of forty members; and in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty, and every tenth year thereafter, the Governor and Council shall assign the number of Senators to be chosen in each District, according to the number of inhabitants in the same. But in all cases, at least one Senator shall be assigned to each District.

The members of the House of Representatives shall be apportioned in the following manner: Every Town or City containing twelve hundred Inhabitants, may elect one Representative; And two Thousand four hundred Inhabitants shall be the mean increasing number which shall entitle it to an additional Representative Every town containing lefs than twelve hundred inhabitants shall be entitled to elect a Representative as many times within ten years, as the number One hundred and Sixty is contained in the number of the Inhabitants of said Town.

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Such Towns may also elect one Representative for the year in which the valuation of estates within the Commonwealth shall be settled.

Any two or more of the several Towns may, by concent of a majority of the legal voters present at a legal meeting, in each of said Towns respectively, called for that purpose, and held before the first day of August, in the year One thousand eight hundred & forty, and every tenth year thereafter, form themselves into a Representative District, to continue for the term of ten years; and such District shall have all the rights, in regard to representation which would belong to a town containing the same number of inhabitants.

The number of inhabitants which shall entitle a

town to elect one Representative, and the mean increasing number which shall entitle a Town or City to elect more than one, and also the number by which the population of Towns, not entitled to a Representative every year, is to be divided, shall be increased respectively, by one tenth of the numbers above mentioned whenever the population of the Commonwealth shall have increased to Seven hundred and seventy thousand and for every additional increase of seventy thousand inhabitants, the same addition of one tenth shall be made respectively to the said numbers above mentioned.

In the year of each decennial Census the Governor and council shall before the first day of September, apportion the number of Representatives which each City, Town, and Representative District is entitled to elect, and ascertain how many years, within ten years, any Town may elect a Representative, which is not entitled to elect one every year; and the Governor shall cause the same to be published forthwith.

Nine Counsellors shall be annually chosen from among the people at large, on the first Wednesday of January, or as soon thereafter as may be, by the joint ballot of the Senators and Representatives assembled in one room, who shall as soon as may be in like manner fill up any vacancies that may happen in (over)

[190] 1840. Warrant 6. April Continued.

the Council, by death, resignation or otherwise. No person shall be elected a Counsellor, who has not been an inhabitant of this Commonwealth for the term of five years immediately preceding his election; and not more than one Counsellor shall be chosen from any one Senatorial District in the Commonwealth.

No possession of a freehold or of any other estate shall be required as a qualification for holding a seat in either branch of the General Court, or in the Executive Council.

Also at 3. o'clock on the above day to bring in

their votes for a moderator to govern a meeting for town purposes (to wit)

Art. 1. To see if the Town will take from School District No 1. in Fitchburg, the Brick house belonging to Levi Pratt near his Mill on the road from Fitchburg to Ashburnham and annex the same to School District No 13. or act any thing on the subject they may think proper.

2d To see if the Town will take for School District No 6. the Brick house and lot of Farwell & Simonds on the road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham and annex the same to District No 13, or act anything on the subject they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands and=this 21st day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & forty

Horace Newton } Selectmen
Daniel Tuttle } of
John L. Joslin } Fitchburg.

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes within specified by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the meeting houses in the village of Fitchburg as within directed. T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[191] April 1840 Town Meeting

Town Meeting April 6. 1840

Town Hall Fitchburg April 6. 1840 1. o'clock P. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrent was called to order and the meeting duly opened by reading the warrant. Capt Horace Newton chairman of Selectmen presiding.

County Commissioner

Votes were then called for and received for a County Commissioner in place of Jared Weed which were sorted counted and declared as the law directs and were as follows:

For County Commissioner.

Whole number of Votes 162.

Nathan Heard	had	72.	Votes
Adam Harrington	"	63.	"
John W. Lincoln	"	23.	"

Amendment of Constitution.

Votes upon the Article of Amendment to the Constitution were received counted and declared as follows:

Whole number of votes given in was 129.

For the Amendment 127. Votes

Against the Amendment 2. "

At 3 O'clock the meeting was opened for Town businefs by reading the Warrant and Choosing Horace Newton Moderator

Art. 1. Voted to pafs over the first Article.

Art. 2. Voted that The Brick House and lot of Farwell & Simonds be annexed to School District No 13. as set fourth in the Second Article of the warrant preceding.

All the businefs in the Warrant having been disposed of Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[192] 1840 Roll of Militia

The following is a Copy of the Roll of the Militia of the Town of Fitchburg as returned by the Afsefsors for 1840

Abel F. Adams	Samuel Battles
Elbridge G. Atherton	Joseph Bemis
Harvey Alden	Nathan Battles
Joshua M. Armsby	Lorenzo Battles
James Aldrich	Charles Battles
Leander Andrews	Levi Bradford
Edward Aldrich	Alvah A. Beckwith
Hiram Atherton	Job S. Bigelow
Daniel Andrews	Otis Blanchard
Alonzo Andrews	Samuel Barnes 2d
David Battles	Aaron Bolton
Samuel Barnes	Joseph Battles Jr

Samuel Burnap Jr
Ebenezer A. Bartlett
Henry Bradford
Henry N. Bowers
Gersham M. Bigelow
Benjamin F. Bigelow
Jotham P. Bigelow
Josiah W. Boutell
William Brown
Charles Burditt
Dennis Blood
Jacob Brown
Joseph Baldwin
Porter Brown
George Bowker
Josiah D. Brown
Silas P. Billings
Elisha Brown
Stillman Burnap
Reuben Billings
Peter S. Carter
James Collier
Phillip Cowdin
Samuel S. Crocker
Albert Conant
Charles H. Cragin
Samuel Carter
Dexter B. Crosby
Albert W. Carter
Augustus C. Carter
Charles Carter
Levi Collister
John Clark
Samuel M. Caswell
Israel M. Carter
Nathan Caswell
Stephen Caswell
Jonathan Califf
Phineas A. Crocker
Chandler Crocker
Elijah S. Carter
John Daisy
Jackson Dean
Adison Davis
Charles Davis
Joel Davis
Newton Downe
Emerson Downe
Fitch Downe
Asa P. Dudley
John Dole 2d
John Dole Jr
Henry Dole
Adison W. Damon
William Damon
Benjamin J. Dwinels
Levi Damon
George W. Davis
Joseph Derby
Samuel M. Dole
Stephen W. Dole
Abram S. Dole
Charles P. Dean
Pascal Eddy
Daniel S. Eaton
Samuel H. Evens
Thomas S. Eaton
Charles Farwell
Selethiah Farmer
Henry G. Farnsworth
Jonathan Farnsworth Jr
Dexter Farwell
Leonard Farnsworth
Jabez Flint
John T. Farwell
Luther Fuller
Ransellier Farnum
Moses Fuller
William W. Farnsworth
Arrington Gibson 2d
Barker Gibson
Jeremiah K. Gibson
William Gibbs
Alfred Gay
John Goodridge Jr
John R. Graves
Jefferson A. Goodridge
Silas H. Goodnow
Silas Gates
Asher Green
William Gibson
Reuben Gibson
Lemuel W. Gibson
Jacob Gibson
Samuel W. Hale
James Harris

James L. Haynes
John Hapgood
George W. Hager
Willard Harris
Paul Howard
Seth B. Hall

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1840. Roll of Militia

Charles W. Holt
Leonard B. Hartwell
Winthrop Howe
Abijah Hartwell
Thomas Hale
Luther Holbrook
James Hartwell
Silas W. Hutchinson
Stephen Hicks
Samuel Harwood
John Hartwell
John Hammon
Adison Hubbard
Edwin Jackson
William T. Johnson
John L. Joslin
Cyrus Kinsman
Jeremiah Kinsman Jr
Levi Kendall
William K. Kinsman
Charles Kinsman
David Lowe
Daniel Lowe
Stephen Lowe
Asa Lowe
William Leverett
Benjamin D. Leverett
James W. Leverett
Emerson Lewis
Freborn Lawrence
Charles H. Lawrence
Asa R. Lovell
Amos Lewis
Warner Marsh
Darius Marsh
Charles Maynard
Luther Maynard
Henry Maynard
Zachariah Marshall
Stephen McIntire
Reuben McIntire
William Miles
Ched Marshall
Joseph Marshall
Horace P. Messenger
John Mack
William Mack
Abel Marshall
Jed Mayo
John B. Marshall
Charles Merriam
Daniel Messenger
William Marshall
Lyman McIntire
David R. Merriam
Moses Marshall
William D. Newton
Albert T. Nichols
Farwell Nichols
Abram Osburn 3d
Alfred R. Ordway
Amos Pond
Albert Page
Charles A. Perry
James Parkhurst Jr
Thomas Palmer
John Prichard
John Putnam
Solomon W. Putnam
Sullivan G. Proctor
Asa Partridge
Oren Partridge
Porter Piper
Francis Phillips
J. D. Patterson
James P. Putnam
Levi H. Phelps
William B. Phelps
Luther Parker
Moses Perkins Jr
Hosea Pratt
Samuel D. Phelps
Benjamin Parkhurst
John Parkhurst

John Putnam 2d
Silas Parkhurst
Alden Phelps
Joseph Petts
Franklin Phillips
Nathan Prescott
Benjamin F. Proctor
Isaac Page
Levi Powers
Francis Russell
Charles Russell
Lovell T. Richardson
David Richardson
Edmund Richards
George W. H. Richardson
Horace R. Rice
John M. Richardson
Henry Rockwell
Asa Ramond
Charles H. Ramond
Samuel S. Sawyer
Joseph T. Scott
John Smith
Levi Sherwin
Calvin Stone
Charles Sawtell 2d
Stillman Safford
Abel Stevens
Sewell Shattuck
Benjamin Safford
Clark Simonds
Avory Stockwell
Rufus P. Smith
Moses Story
Jefse Spaulding
Joseph Smith
Samuel B. Smith
Edmund C. Smith
Phineas B. Spaulding
Samuel Sheldon
Justin Stearns
Levi Simonds
Samuel Sanders
Reuben Smith
Abel Simonds
Leonard Smith
Sanford Sawyer
Francis Sheldon
John Stickney

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Calvin Tolman
Joseph A. Twichell
Stephen Tolman
David Taylor Jr
Solomon G. Towne
Hiram Tyler
Andrew J. Twichell
Nathaniel Tottingham
Phineas S. Taft
Daniel Taylor
Cyrus Thurston
Charles Thurston
Oliver S. Tilden
Cahill Tolman
Benjamin Tolman Jr
Timothy Underwood
Albert C. Upton
Timothy Vinton
James Vandiford
Daniel Virgil
Noah Williams
William Woodbury Jr
Sabin Woodbury
James Woodbury
Henry Wilson
Nathan Whitcomb
Charles A. Whitney
Edward Willard
William Ware
Samuel Ware
George P. Warren
Augustus Washburn
James H. Warner
Augustus Wheeler
John B. Wheeler
William P. Washburn
Amos L. White
William J. Wheeler
John H. Wheeler
Elijah C. Whitcomb
Aaron P. Watson
James Whitney
Willard Whitcomb
Benjamin Whitney

Nathan Wetherbee	Loring Wheeler
Joseph Warner	David Whitmore
Warren Worcester	Isaac D. Wiswell
Alfred Wetherbee	Warren Webster
Arnold Wilson	Leander Ware
George W. Wilder	David M. Wilder
Francis Williams	Samuel A. Wheeler
John Williams	Tyler Younglove
Alfred White	Ira Younglove
William S. Walker	Nathaniel S. Young

Anual Return or Roll of the names of all persons enroll^{d} in the Militia in the town of Fitchburg for the year 1840.

Whole Number Enrolled 323

H. Newton, Daniel Tuttle, Wm Carleton } Assessors of Fitchburg

Copy of Roll

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[195] 1840. Warrant. August 1.

Warrant for Town Meeting August 1. 1840

Worcester ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester—Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Town, on Saturday the first day of August next at 4. o'clock in the after noon then and there to act on the following Articles: —after organizing the meeting.

1st. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to oppose the Road petitioned for by Eliakim Davis, or act anything upon the subject they may think proper.

2d. To see if the Town will authorise their Selectmen to settle with Mr Franklin Foster of Nashua N. H. whose wife sustained an injury in this town by the upsetting of their Carriage, or act anything on the subject.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, 8 days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands and seals, this Twenty second day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Horace Newton } Selectmen
Wm Carleton } of
John L. Joslin } Fitchburg.

By Virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes within specified by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the meeting houses in the Village of Fitchburg as within directed

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Town Meeting August 1. 1840.

1840. Town Meeting August 1st.

Town Hall Fitchburg August 1st 1840 at 4. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened as above by reading the warrant and choosing Capt Horace Newton Moderator.

Article 1st

Under the first Article it was—Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to oppose the road petitioned for by Eliakim Davis.

Chose Capt Horace Newton
John Whitcomb
William Carleton said Committee.

Article 2d

Voted that the Town do not consider that they are liable to Mr Foster for any damage, believing that the Road where the accident happened was safe for the traveller.

Voted that the Selectmen inform Mr Foster of the views of the Town.

Voted to adjourn without day

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Return of nonrsidents Taxed in School District No 1.

To Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk of Fitchburg—We the Subscribers have determined that the following persons; nonresident owners of real Estate in the

Town of Fitchburg shall be taxed in School District No. One

Bricket

Heirs of Joel Crosby	Bazelial Lawrence
Jephthah Conant	Samuel Marsh Jr
Thomas Dodge	Stephen T. Nichols
Edward French	Solomon C. Pratt
Nehemiah Giles	William Perkins
Jonathan Haskell	Roxa Thurston
Albert Hobert	Joseph Willard
Rufus Hastings	Samuel Hilton Jr
Thomas G. Harris	

Fitchburg August 18th 1840 H. Newton, Wm. Carleton, Daniel Tuttle } Assessors of Fitchburg

Reed August 19. 1840

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[197] Warrant for Town Meeting November 9. 1840

1840. Warrant November 9th.

To either of the Constables of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, You are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the ninth day of November next at 9. o'clock before noon then and there to act on the following Articles:

Art. 1st. To see if the town will abate any portion of Jonas Marshall's Tax for the Year 1840.

Art. 2d To see if the Town will remove the Chimney in the Town House; or take any measures better to warm the Hall; or act anything in regard to the same they may think proper.

Art. 3d To see if the Town will instruct their Treasurer to cause the Tax Bills of 1838 and 1839 to be settled without unnecessary delay or act anything upon the subject.

Art. 4th. To see if the town will accept of a road prayed for by Samuel A. Wheeler and laid out by their Se-

lectmen as follows—Begining at a Stake and Stones 8. ft. 7 inches from a corner of a bank wall on the Notherly side of the Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham near the house of Chandler Crocker and in a range with the Southerly side of said wall, thence N. 46º 30′ W. 4. Rods 18. links to a stake it being 20 ft. 5. inches from the Notheasterly corner of said house—thence N 78º 15′ W. 7. Rods and 3. links —thence S. 87º 30′ W. 10. Rods 4. links—thence N. 69º W. 14. Rods to the bank wall near the house of Jonª Pond and 35 ft. 8. inches from the southeasterly corner of said house—to be two rods wide and to lie on the northerly side of said course—and the said Wheeler is to pay all damages and make the road to the acceptance of the Selectmen which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Samuel A. Wheelers Road. Accepted

Art. 5th Road. Joseph Richardson & others

To see if the town will accept of a Road prayed for by Joseph Richardson and Others as laid out by Selectmen as follows—Begining at a Stake & Stones on the south side of the Road leading by the house of Dea. Jaquith nearly opposite the McIntire road so called—thence S. 28º 15′. W. 40 Rods 15 links to the corner of

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Ebr Hutchinson's and Abraham Jaquith's land; through land of Josiah Sheldon and Ebr. Hutchinson—thence S. 16º E. 45. Rods—23. links through land of Samuel Houghton—thence in the same direction 28. Rods—thence South 15. Rods—thence S. 18º E. 49. Rods—thence S. 9.º W. 10. Rods. 17 links —thence S. 39º W. 21. Rods to an Oak tree on the northerly side of the Road leading by the house of Ebr. Whitemore through land of John Wheeler—Said Road to lie on the Easterly side of said course and to be three rods wide—And Josiah Sheldon & Samuel Houghton relinquish all damage—to Ebr. Hutchinson and Abraham Jaquith we award no damage—and to John Wheeler we award $144.00 as damage and we allow the owners of the land aforesaid six months

to take off the wood and timber now standing thereon—which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever to be known as a public highway.

Art 6 Road prayed for by William Carter & others

To see if the town will accept of a Road prayed for by William Carter and Others and laid out by their Selectmen as follows—Begining at a Stake on the Notherly side of road leading by the house of said Carter—thence N 5º E. 24 Rods—thence N. 28º 30′ E. 9. Rods through land of said Carter—thence N. 27º 15′ E. 43. Rods through land of John Hammon—thence N. 35º E. 19. Rods—thence N. 52º 30′ E. 20 Rods and 22 links through land of Daniel Works to the Old Ashburnham Road—said Road to be 2½ Rods wide and lies Easterly of said bounds—And said Carter relinquishes all damages—and we award to John Hammon $80.00 and to Daniel Works $26—Which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance: and when accepted and recorded is forever to be known as a public Town way.

Art 7th.

To see if the town accept of the list of names prepared by their Selectmen as Jurors for the town; or act any thing upon the subject they may think proper.

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Article 8. To see whether the Town will take or permit to be taken any measures to butify & ornament the Common by setting out Trees or otherwise—or act anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said town seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands this thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Horace Newton
Wm Carleton
Daniel Tuttle
} Selectmen of Fitchburg

By Virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the time, place, & for the purposes, within specified by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the meeting-houses in the village of Fitchburg as within directed

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Novm 9. 1840.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 9. 1840. at 9 O'clock A. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was Opened at the above time and place by reading the Warrant and choosing Alvah Crocker Esq Moderator.

Article 1.

Voted not to abate any portion of the Taxes of Jonas Marshall

Article 2.

Voted not to remove the chimney from the place where it now stands in the Town Hall.

Town House Chimney

Voted to reconsider the above vote

Voted that the subject of this Article be refered to the Committee on the Town-house with authority to take any measures for the better warming the Town-Hall they may think proper or for the interest of the Town.

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Article 3. Voted that the Treasurer be instructed to cause the Tax Bills of 1838 and 1839. to be settled without unnecessary delay.

Article 4.

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on the petition of Samuel A. Wheeler was next read to the Town as follows—

Report

Samuel A Wheelers Road.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town, a town way as follows

Begining at a Stake and Stones 8. ft. 7. inches from the Corner of a Bank wall on the Notherly Side of the Ashburnham Road in Crocker Vill near the house of Chandler Crocker & in a range with the Southerly side of said wall—thence N. 46° 30′ W. 4.

Rods & 18. links to a stake 20 ft. 5. inches from the northeast corner of said house in a range with the notherly end of said house—thence N. 78º 15′. W. 7. Rods & 3 links—thence S. 87º 30′ W. 10. Rods & 4 links—thence N. 69º W. 14. Rods to the bank wall near the house of Jonª Pond & 35 ft & 8. inches from the Southeasterly corner and in a range with the easterly side of said house—To be 2 Rods wide and lie on the Notherly side of said course—& the petitioner Samuel A. Wheeler agrees to pay all damage and make the road to the acceptance of the Selectmen—which said road is hereby reported to the town for there acceptance; and when accepted and recorded is forever to be known as a public town way—

Horace Newton
Daniel Tuttle } Selectmen of Fitchburg
Wm. Carleton
Abijah Hartwell

Dated at Fitchburg this 31. day of Oct. 1840

After the above Report was Read to the town it was Voted to accept the same on the conditions set forth in said Report.

Article 5th The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out as prayed for by Joseph Richardson and others was next read to the Town whereupon it was voted not to accept said Report. but the Town Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to petition the County Commifsioners to lay a Road from Fitchburg to Ashby provided

[201] 1840. November 9 the petitioners for the Road set forth in the 5 Article shall make application to the County Commifsioners to lay out the same.

Article 6th. Voted to pafs over the 6 Article after hearing the Report of Selectmen read.

Article 7. The Selectmen Reported to the town a list of names for Jurors which follows.

Jurors.

A. F. Adams	Abraham Osborn
D. Boutelle	Levi Pratt
Alph. Boutell	John D. Pratt
Benj Brown	Francis Perkins

E. Caldwell
Wm. Carlton
John Caldwell
Alvah Crocker
Levi Downe
Amos Durant
John T. Farwell
Abel Farwell
Jabez Farbank
Joshua Goodridge
Asher Green
Alonzo P. Goodridge
Silas W. Hutchinson
Abijah Hartwell
Samuel Haws
John L. Joslin
Levi Kindall
Daniel Lowe
John Prichard
Porter Piper
Clark Simonds
Edward Smith
Josiah Sheldon
Levi Sherwin
Justin Stearns
Samuel Smith
Abial J. Towne
Abel Thurston
Daniel Tuttle
Joseph Upton Jr
Samuel Willis
Daniel Works
Isaac B. Woodward
Samuel A. Wheeler
Tylor Younglove

List of names Selected as Jurors in the Town of Fitchburg by the Selectmen.

Nov. 1840 — H. Newton, Wm Carleton, Daniel Tuttle, John L. Joslin, Abijah Hartwell — Selectmen of Fitchburg

After the above List was read it was Voted that the town accept of the same.

Article 8th. Common Committee on

Voted that a Committee of three be chosen who may be permitted if they see fit to receive any donations given them by the Ladies of Fitchburg or in any other way and to appropriate the same in beautifying the Common—provided that they shall do nothing that will injure said Common, nor be authorized to charge the Town for any expenses incured by them

Voted and chose John L. Joslin, Abijah Hartwell & Capt Horace Newton Said Committee

Dissolved

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[202] 1840. Warrant Nov 9.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 9. 1840.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday the ninth day of November next at 11. o'clock in the fore noon being the second Monday of said month.

To bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for Five Senators, on One ballot, for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing.

2d To bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for fourteen Electors of President & Vice President of the United States all on One ballot

3d To bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to Congrefs for District No 5.

4th. To determine if the town will choose a Representative to Represent them in the General Court the present year and if so.

5th To Choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to Ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Nineteenth day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred & forty

Horace Newton
Wm. Carleton
Daniel Tuttle
Abijah Hartwell
} Selectmen of Fitchburg

By Virtue of this Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elec-

tions and in Town affairs to meet at the time, place and for the purposes within specified, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the meeting-houses in the village of Fitchburg as within directed.

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[203] 1840.

Town Meeting November 9. 1840.

November 9. Town Meeting

Town Hall Fitchburg November 9. 1840 at 11. o'clock A. M. pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by reading the Warrant at the above time & place. Capt Horace Newton the Chairman of the board of Selectmen presiding all the Selectmen present. the first businefs was to act upon the 4 Article

Article 4

Voted to choose a Representative to represent the Town in the next General Court.

Voted that ballots for all the Officers specified in the Warrant be received at the same time. Check List used as the Law directs.

Votes were Received, Sorted, Counted, Declared & Recorded as the Law directs. Returnes made out Signed & Sealed in Open Town Meeting and were as follows:

Votes. Governor.

For Governor. Whole number of Votes 521.
John Davis had 319.
Marcus Morton " 202.

Lt Governor.

For Lieutant Governor. Whole number of Votes 522.
George Hull had 319.
Nathan Willis " 203.

Senators.

For Senators. Whole number of Votes 521.
Samuel Wood had 318.
Charles C. P. Hastings " 318.
James Allen " 318.
Amory Holman " 317.
Emory Washburn " 317.
John Spurr " 202.
Benjamin Estabrook " 203.
Aaron S. Gibbs " 202.
Adam Harrington " 203.
Arial Bragg " 203.

Electors.

For Electors of President & Vice President of the United States. Whole number of Votes 519.

Electors at Large

Isaa C Bates had 325. William P. Walker had 194.
Peleg Sprague " 325. Ebenezer Fisher " 194.

Districts 1.	Richard Houghton	had	325.
	Caleb Eddy	had	194.
2.	Stephen C. Phillips	"	325.
	Robert Upton	"	194.
3.	Rufus Longley	"	325.
	Nathaniel Stevens	"	194.
4.	Sidney Willard	"	325.
	Timo Thomson	"	194.
5.	Ira M. Barton	"	325.
	Samuel D. Spurr	"	194.
6.	George Grinnell Jr	"	325.
	Caleb Hubbard	"	194.
7.	Thaddeus Pomeroy	"	325.
	John Leland	"	194.
8.	Samuel Mixter	"	325.
	James Fowler	"	194.
9.	Thomas French	"	325.
	Artemas Brown	"	194.
10.	Wilks Wood	"	325.
	Nathan C. Brownell	"	194.
11.	Joseph Tripp	"	325.
	Thos. Mandell	"	194.
12.	John B. Thomas	"	325.
	Jesse Pierce	"	194.

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For Representative to Congrefs.

Whole number of Votes 514.
Levi Lincoln had 320.
Isaac Davis " 194.

Representative to General Court.

For Representative to the General Court

Whole number of Votes 514.
Alpheus Boutell had 318. and was chosen.
William Carleton " 195.
Josiah Sheldon " 1.

Novm. 21. 1840. Warrant.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 21. 184.

To either of the Constables of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Saturday the 21. day of November instant at 3. O'clock after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to defend a Suit commenced by Franklin Foster & Wife against said town to be entered at Cambridge at the Court of Common Pleas to be holden 2d Monday of December next or act anything relative to said Suit or subject matter upon which said suit is brought.

2d. To see what the town will do with the claim of Amos Daby & Wife and Lorenzo Smith & Wife for damage sustained by them by running off the the road & upsetting in a Waggon near Durant & Hale's shop in said Fitchburg or act any-thing upon the subject matter of this article.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty.

H. Newton }
Daniel Tuttle } Selectmen of Fitchburg
A. Hartwell }

[205] 1840. November 21.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 21, 1840.

By virtue of this Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the time, place and for the purposes within specified by posting up

attested copies of this Warrant at each of the meeting-houses in the village of Fitchburg as within directed. T. S. Wilson, Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting Novm 21. 1840.

Town Meeting November 21. 1840.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 21. 1840. 3. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened and organised at the above time and place by reading the Warrant and choosing Capt Alpheus Boutelle Moderator.

Moderator

Article 1. Suit at Law Franklin Foster & Wife Vs. Town of Fitchburg

Voted to choose Two Agents to defend the Suit commenced against the town by Franklin Foster & Wife, with full powers to settle with said Foster & Wife in any way they may think for the interest of the Town.

Voted and Chose Nathaniel Wood Esq and William Carleton Esq Agents.

Article 2. Amos Daby & Lorenzo Smith Damage. Committee on

Voted that the Subject matter of the 2. Article in the Warrant be refered to Nathaniel Wood & William Carleton Esqrs with full powers to defend any suit which may be brought against the Town by Amos Daby & Wife or Lorenzo Smith and Wife for damage sustained by them by running off the road near Durant & Hale's Shop, or to effect any settlement with said parties or either of them they may think for the interest of the Town.

Dissolved

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Return of Non Residents Taxed in District No. 2.

Fitchburg December 9. 1840. We the Subscribers Assessors of the Town of Fitchburg do hereby determine that the Real Estate now owned by the following Non Residents; shall be Taxed for School District purposes; in District No. 2. in Fitchburg, and such land while owned by any person resident without the limits of the town, shall be Taxed in said District accordingly, until the Town shall be districted anew. John A. Baldwin, New York

Ephraim Graham, Lunenburg

Solomon Hovey, Charlestown

Jonas Kendall, Leominster
James S. Parker, do.
Osmond Wright, Winchendon
Oliver Whiting, Wilton, N. H.
William Whitney, Boston
James Young, Townsend

This certificate returned in due form of Law

H. Newton
Wm. Carleton } Assessors of Fitchburg
Daniel Tuttle

Recd December 9, 1840 & Recorded by
J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[206] 1841. Warrant. March 1.

Warrant for Town meeting March 1st 1841.

To either of the Consables of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Fitchburg on monday the first day of march next at nine O'clock in the morning, then and there to act on the following Articles.

Art. 1st. To choose all necessary town Officers for the year ensuing.

" 2nd To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer Collector of Taxes or act anything respecting the Collection they may think proper.

" 3d. To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors for the year past.

" 4th. To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing.

" 5th. To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expense of their Workhouse and Poor establishment the year past.

" 6th. To choose a committee to ascertain and report the expences of supporting thir poor the year ensuing.

" 7th. To determine the manner of repairing the High-

ways Town ways and bridges the year ensuing and fix a price for labor on said roads &c.

" 8th. To choose a committee to take care of the Bridges the year ensuing.

" 9th. To see what method the Town will adopt to keep the two principal roads from Leominster to Westminster lines in repair the year ensuing.

" 10th. To see sum or sums of Money the Town will raise to repair their Highways and Bridges the year ensuing.

" 11th. To see what sum or sums of Money the Town will raise to Support their Schools the year ensuing and act anything in regard to expending and division of the same they may think proper.

" 12th. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town Charges the year ensuing—(over)

Article 13th. To hear the Report of their School Committee chosen for the examination of Schools & Teachers.

" 14th To choose a Committee for the purpose of examining Schools and Teachers the year ensuing.

" 15th. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing either of the Bells the year ensuing.

" 16th. To see if the Town will restrain Horses neat-cattle and Swine from running at large within said Town the year ensuing.

" 17th. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

" 18th. To see if the Town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take

[207] charge of their Poor Farm for one or more years or act any thing thereon.

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" 19th. To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer for Worcester County.

" 20th. To bring in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for Worcester County.

" 21st. To choose a Committee to take charge of the Town House the year ensuing.

" 22nd. To choose a Committee to take charge of and keep in repair the Fire Engines, Engine-Houses, and all the apparatus attached to them belonging to the Town.

" 23d To see if the Town will afsume the sum of twenty nine Dollars and ninety six cents which being due on the Tax bill of 1838, as a debt due the Town and give up the Collector his bond.

" 24th To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Road formerly laid through land (now owned by Edward Smith) in the year 1777. and establish the Road as since laid out by the Selectmen to Eliakim Davis house.

" 25th. To see if the Town will vote to allow Eliakim Davis a fair compensation for keeping open the way to his house in the winter of 1839. and ,,40.

Article 26th. To see if the Town will accept the Road prayed for by William Carter and others and laid out by the Selectmen on the twenty sixth day of October last and reported to the Town in November last or act any thing upon the subject.

" 27th. To see if the Town will instruct their Assessors to make a survey of any Real Estate within the Town, which they have a reasonable doubt of the correctnefs of the Valuation or act anything thereon.

" 28th. To see if the Town will allow John Andrews and Warren Worcester their Bills against the Town for overwork on the highway in 1840.

" 29th To see if the Town will take any measures to ascertain the probable cause of the damage sustained by the carrying away of the Bridge near the Furnace in Fitchburg in Jan 1841. or act anything upon the subject they may think proper.

" 30th To see if the Town will authorize the Surveyor of Highways in whose limits it may be to cut down the Hill by the house of Jonas Marshall or act any thing upon the subject.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of February

(over)

[208] 1841. March 1. Warrant

in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty one.

H. Newton
Wm. Carleton } Selectmen of Fitchburg
John L. Joslin
Daniel Tuttle

Worcester fs: Feb. 13th 1841. By virtue hereof I have notified the Inhabitants to meet at the time, place, & for the purposes within directed by posting attested copies of this Warrant at each of the meeting-houses in this village.

H. Newton Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 1. 1841.

Town Meeting March 1. 1841.

Town Hall Fitchburg March 1. 1841. at 9. O'clock A M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened at the above time and place by reading the Warrant and choosing Alvah Crocker Esq Moderator

Moderator

Article 1.

The Town here voted by a very full vote to dispense with the use of the check list in voting for Town Clerk and for Selectmen—it was then voted that the list of Voters should be read which was done accordingly.

Town Clerk

Chose s. Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk who was sworn in open town meeting by Ebenezer Torrey Esq whoes Certificate is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Oaths (s) sign of

N. B All officers of whom an Oath is required and to whom an Oath was administered in Town Meeting have the Sign s. prefixed to their names and all who have been sworn at other times have also the date prefixed to said sign.

Prayer.

Prayer by Rev Ebenez W. Bullard.

Voted to choose Three Selectmen on one ballott.

Selectmen

Chose s. Abel Thurston
s. Josiah Sheldon
s. Samuel A. Wheeler Selectmen.

Here the Town Voted to adjourn for one hour. (for dinner)

Voted to choose three Assessors on one ballot.

Assessors.

Chose s Abel Thurston
s Cyrus Thurston
s Levi Downe Assessors.

Overseers of Poor

Chose William Carleton
Isaiah Putnam
Abel Thurston Overseers of Poor.

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March 1. 1841. Treasurer.

Town Meeting March 1. 1841.

Chose s Ebenezer Torrey Esq Town Treasurer.

Constables.

Chose s Alpheus Kimball
s Timothy S. Wilson
s Chedorlaomer Marshall Constables.

County Treasur. Articles 19 & 20 Register of Deeds

Voted to take up the 19 and 20 Articles

Votes were accordingly received for County Treasurer and for Register of Deeds which were sorted counted and declared as follows Whole number of Votes for County Treasurer was 188 all of which were for Anthony Chase.

Roads Care of by.

Whole number of votes for Register of Deeds was 188. all of which were for Artemas Ward.

Article 9 Selectmen

Voted that the Selectmen have charge of the two principal Roads from Leominster Line to Westminster line the year ensuing.

Article 1. Highway Surveyors

Chose s Amos Ware
See Page 216. Chedorlaomer Marshall Excused
Charles Rufsell
s Clark Simonds
s Isaac B. Woodward
(March 25 s Andrew J. Deen
s Edward Smith
s John Andrews
s. Ebenezer Thurston
s. William Carter

s. David Battles
March 26. s. Benjamin Whitney
March 9. s Ephraim Osborn 3d
s Samuel Burnap Jr
March 9. s William Wiman
s. Elnathan Gibson
s Silas P. Billings
March 16 s Asa R. Lovell
March 16 s Doct Peter S. Snow
s John Stickney
s Fitch Downe
s Abel Thurston
See Page 216 Samuel M. Dole Excused
(May 11 s Josiah Caswell Highway Surveyo

Voted not to choose Tythingmen.

Field Drivers

Chose May 11 s Charles P. Deen
March 24. s. James Hartwell
Abel Osborn
Albert T. Nicholds
March 12. s. George W. Davis
March 15. s. Asa Ramond
s. Abel Marshall
s. Gardner Hall
March 15. s. Hosea Pratt
s. Horace Mefsenger
Lorin Wheeler
s Timothy Vinton
Elijah Brigham Field Drivers
March 18. s William Nicholds } Chosen
William Bemis } March 9.

Fence Viewers.

Chose the following for Fence Viewers.
s Isaac B. Woodward s Samuel Hawes
s Nathan Ordway s Benjamin Safford.
s Alpheus Kimball

Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose the following Surveyors of Lumber.
s Samuel M. Caswell April 1. s Gustavus Liman
David McIntire s Samuel Hawes
s Josiah Sheldon s Amos Durant
Abraham Osborn s Levi Pratt

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Article 1. Measurers of Wood — Voted that the Selectmen appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Sealers of Leather — Chose March 20 s Charles Livermore
Charles Sawtell
Sealers of Leather.

Cullers of Hoops &c. — Chose s Jeremiah Kinsman Jr
Joseph F. Hovey
Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Pound Keeper. — Chose Robert Sampson Pound Keeper.

Fire Wards. — Chose

Alpheus Kimball	Samuel Willis
Jonas A Marshall	John Caldwell
Josiah Sheldon	John H. Wheeler
Robert L. Fryer	Timothy Vinton
David F. McIntire	Abel Simonds
Ebenezer Torrey	Alvah Crocker
Horace Newton	Amos Durant
Abial J. Towne	Fire Wards

All the persons above chosen Fire Wards were notified thereof and signified their acceptance.

Article 17. Treasurer may Borrow money. — Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the use of the town the year ensuing.

Article 16. Horses, Neat-Cattle and Swine Restrained. — Voted that Horses, Neat Cattle and Swine be restrained from running at large within the limits of the Town the year ensuing.

Article 22. Engine Committee — Chose Abijah Hartwell
Alpheus Kimball
John Caldwell a Committee to take charge of and keep in repair the Fire Engines, Engine Houses and all the fire apparatus belonging to the Town.

Article 15 $20. Ring Bell. — Voted to appropriate a sum not exceeding Twenty Dollars for ringing one of the parish Bells the year ensuing.

Article 2. — Voted to pafs over the Second Article.

Article 21. Town House Committee. — Voted that the Selectmen take charge of the Town House the year ensuing.

Article 8. Bridge Com. — Voted that the Selectmen have charge of the Town Bridges.

Adjourned

The Town here Voted to adjourn to the ninth day of March instant at one O'clock in the after-noon.

[211] Town Meeting March 9. by Adjournment

March Meeting 1841. Adjournment March 9.

Pursuant to adjournment the meeting was opened at Town Hall March 9, 1841 at 1. o'clock P. M. by the moderator.

Article 1.

Voted to take up the first Article for the purpose of choosing two more Field Drivers

Chose William Nicholds

William Bemis see Field Drivers chosen before adjournment.

Article 3 Report on the Treasury. Town Debt. $4.016.68

Voted to hear the Report of Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer and inspect accounts of Selectmen and Assessors the year past. which was accordingly read and by Vote Accepted Said Report is on file in this office. Balance against the Town February 27. 1841. $4.016.68. Do Feb 28. 1840 $3.920.97.

Article 4.

Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of Selectmen and Assessors the year ensuing

Committee on Treasury 1841.

Chose David Bontelle

Alvah Crocker

Isaiah Putnam said Committee.

Article 5. Cost of Poor $1.022.49

The Report of the committee on the support of Poor was next read and on vote accepted—they reported the expense of the poor the year past to have been $1.022.49.

Article 6.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to asertain and Report the expenses of supporting the Poor the year ensuing.

Committee on Poor—1841.

Chose David Boutelle

Horace Newton

Joseph Down Committee.

Article 7. Work on Roads 12. cts pr hour

Voted to allow 12 cents an hour for men on the Highways the year ensuing and all other labour and for use of tools to be left disertionary with the Highway surveyors.

Article 10. $1200 for Highways.

Voted to raise the sum of Twelve hundred Dollars for the Support of Highways and Bridges the year ensuing.

Article 11. $1500. for Schools.

Voted to raise Fifteen hundred Dollars for the support of Schools and that the money be apportioned as last year.

Article 12. $3,500. for Town Charges

Voted to raise Three Thousand five hundred Dollars for necessary town charges.

Article 13

Voted to pafs over the Thirteenth Article there not having been a Report prepared.

Article 14 School Com.

Voted to choose a School Committee of five. The committee of last year declined being on the committee

Chose Rev Ebenezer W. Bullard Capt. Horace Newton
" Oren Tracy John Smith.
Dr Thomas R. Boutelle

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1841. Article 18 Overseers of Poor Authorized to Contract.

Voted to authorize the Overseers of Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Poor Farm for one ore more years.

Article 23 Collectors Bond for 1838 Given up.

On the subject of this article the Town Voted to give up the Collector's Bond for 1838. and assume the sum $29.96 as a debt due the Town as set forth in the 23. Article of the Warrant.

Article 24

Past Over. the 24 Article.

Article 25. $2.50 to pay Eliakim Davis

Voted to allow Eliakim Davis $2.50 for keeping open the way to his house in the winters of 1839. and 1840.

Article 26

Past Over the 26. Article.

Article 27. Assessors to Survey Real Est. if Doubt &c.

Voted to instruct the Assessors to make a survey of any Real Estate within the Town of which they may have a reasonable doubt of the correctnefs of its Valuation.

Article 28

Past Over the 28. Article.

Article 29. Refered to Selectmen

Voted that the subject of the 29th Article be refered to the Selectmen.

Article 30

Past Over the 30 Article.

Article 2 Collection of Taxes $1.02 for $100.

Voted that the Collection of Taxes be let out to the lowest bidder in Open Town Meeting it being set up by the Moderator it was struck off to Edmon

Davis he being the lowest bidder at $1.02) one Dollar and two cents on the hundred dollars.

Article 9. Voted to take up the 9 Article and on motion of E. Torrey Esq "Moved that the Selectmen be authorized to contract with some suitable person to keep the two great Roads or either of them from Leominster line to Westminster line in repair for one or more and not exceeding three years" which motion did not prevail

Article 27. Assessors to put all men on Oath Voted that the Assessors be instructed to put every man under Oath on the subject of his valuation.

Article 2 Voted that the Assessors give Edmond Davis a reasonable time to procure bonds—failing which the Selectmen are instructed to insert an article in the Warrant for the next Town meeting for the choise of Collector.

Voted to proceed to the choise of Collector.

Collector Chose Edmond Davis Collector

Dissolved. Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[213] Officers appointed by the Selectmen March 10. 1841.

1841. Measurers of Wood & Bark To Jonas A. Marshall Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg—The Selectmen of the Town have this day appointed

N. B. All who have been qualified as the Law directs for the offices to which they have been appointed have the same prefix to their names as officers elected at March Meeting See Page 208.

Asher Green
John L. Joslin
Timothy Vinton
April 17. s. William Harris
Samuel M. Dole
Sept 6 William Wilder
June 4 s Ebenezer Ball
Samuel H. Evans
April 26. s Aaron Eaton Jr

To be measurers of Wood and Bark and

Sealer of Weights and Measurers May 29. s Abijah Hartwell

to be a Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing in s^d Town of Fitchburg—

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Josiah Sheldon } Fitchburg

Fitchburg March 10th 1841.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

1841.
April. 5.
Warrant.

Warrant

To either of the Constables of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town hall in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the fifth day of April next at one O'clock after noon then and there to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners, and two special Commifsioners for the County of Worcester.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town fourteen days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Josiah Sheldon } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs March 20th 1841. I hereby cirtify that I have served this Warrant by posting up attested coppies thereof at each of the meeting houses in the Village of Fitchburg.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Town
Meeting
April 5

Town Meeting April 5. 1841.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 5th 1841. One O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was Opened by reading the Warrant at the above time and place The Selectmen presiding Votes were then received, sorted, counted and declared as the Law directs and were as follows.

County
Commis. &
Special Commissioners.

For County Commissioners

Whole number of Votes 272.
William Crawford had 263.

David Davenport	"	159.
Charles Thurber	"	159.
Samuel Taylor	"	113.
Zachariah Sheldon	"	113.
James Allen	"	1.
Nathan Heard	"	2.

For Special Commissioners

Whole number of Votes		272.
Stephen Davis	had	159.
Jerome Gardner	"	159.
David Davenport	"	113.
Adam Harrington	"	112.
Amory Holman	"	1.

Returns of the above Votes were made, Signed, Sealed and directed in Open Town Meeting as the Law directs. Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Warrant 1841. April 5.

To either of the Constables of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg, on Monday the fifth day of April next at two O'clock after noon, then and there to act on the articles:

1st To see if the town will authorize Nathaniel Wood, one of their agents chosen to defend the suit of Franklin Foster and Wife in the Middlesex Court of Common Pleas against the Inhabitants of Fitchburg, to sign, seal, Execute and deliver, unto William Bemis, a full and complete discharge in behalf of the Ihabitants of said Fitchburg, from any and all liability he the said Bemis, may be subjected to by means of his having been Highway Surveyor, in the district at the time and place, in which the accident happened to Mrs Foster for which said suit is commenced—and whether said Bemis shall be discharged and released from all claim said Inhabitants of Fitchburg may or can have upon him for any damage or cost which said Foster and Wife in their

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Warrant. Cont.

said suit may recover against them. or act any thing thereon they may deem proper.

2d To see if the Town will fix a price (per hour) for labour done on the highways removing snow the past winter and make such provision for removing snow from their highways in future as they think proper.

3d To hear the report of their Selectmen as to the probable causes of the damage sustained by the carrying away of the Bridge near the Furnace in Fitchburg, in January last—and take such further action on the subject as they may deem proper.

4th To see if the Town will authorize the highway Surveyor to cut down the hill in front of the Widow Prudence Gibsons house and widen the Road at the foot of said Hill or act anything thereon.

5th To see if the Town will excuse C. Marshall & Samuel M. Dole from serving as highway Surveyors the year ensuing and choos others to serve in their room.

6th To choose a Collector (in the room of Edmund Davis declined) for the year ensuing, and act anything in regard to letting out the Collection of Taxes they think proper.

7th To see if the Town will authorize their Committee chosen to take care of the Town House to let any part of the same for more than one year and act any thing thereon.

8th To see if the Town will allow the Methodist Society to frame a part of their Meeting house on the Common or act any thing thereon.

9th To see if the Town will allow Ezra B Stephens his Bill for work on the road in 1840 or act any thing thereon.

10th To see if the Town will accept of the Road petitioned for by Eliakim Davis, through the land of Edward Smith as laid out by their Selectmen and discontinue the road laid out in 1777. through said

Smiths land and act anything in regard to said Roads they may deem proper.

11th To see if the Town will choose an addition to their School Committee or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town Eight days, at least before the time of holding said meeting—Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said Meeting.

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[216] 1841. Warrant April 5

Warrant April 5, 1841.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Josiah Sheldon } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs March 27th 1841. I hereby certify that I have served this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Meeting houses in the village of Fitchburg

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting April 5. 1841.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 5. 1841. 2. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by reading the Warrant and choosing Abel Thurston Moderator.

Article 1st William Bemis Discharge

Voted that Nathaniel Wood Esq be authorized to discharge William Bemis from all liability as exprefsed in the first Article in the Warrant upon such terms as said Wood sees fit—and upon such terms he shall hereby be discharged—

Article 2 Price of Labor Removing Snow.

Voted to allow ten cents for men and twelve cts. for oxen per hour while removing snow from the Roads the past Winter and in future under the direction of the Highway Surveyors and all Bills for work must be sanctioned by said Surveyors.

Article 3. Furnace Bridge Committee on

After hearing some verbal statements from the Selectmen Voted that the subject of this Article be recommitted to the committee to report at the next Town meeting. Voted to choose four in addition to the Selectmen on the above committee

Chose William Carleton
Levi Downe
Horace Newton
Samuel Willis.

Article 4. Mrs Gibsons Hill

Voted that the Highway Surveyor be Authorized to cut down the Hill and widen the road so far as Mrs Gibson will give her consent and without any expense to the Town.

Article 5. Highway Surveyors

Voted to excuse C. Marshall and Samuel M. Dole from serving as Highway Surveyors the year ensuing.

Voted and chose s. David Boutell
s. William Harris
Highway Surveyors

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Town Meeting April 5. 1841.

Town Meeting April 5th. Article 11. School Com.

Voted to take up the 11 Article in the warrant. Voted to excuse Reve. Mr Bullard and to choose another to take the place of Mr Bullard on the School Committee. Voted and chose Doct. Peter S. Snow. The School Committee of last year then made their report which was read to the town whereupon the Town voted to accept it which Report was long and a most excellent document.

School Com. Report.

Article 6. Collection of Taxes.

Voted that the Collection of Taxes be given to the Lowes Bidder.

They were set up by the Moderator and struck off at One Dollar six cents on the hundred Dollars to Timothy S. Wilson who offered to the Town as his Bonds William Carleton and David D. McIntire who were accepted by the Town.

Colector.

Voted and chose Timothy S. Wilson Collector.

Article 7. Town House.

Voted that the term of time for which any part of the Town House may be rented be left discretionary with the Town-house Committee.

Article 8 Methodist Society Grant to.

Voted that the request of the Methodist Society be granted as set forth in the eighth Article provided it does not interfear with the interest of the Town.

Article 9

Voted to pafs over the ninth Article.

Article 10. Eliakim Davis Road Rejected.

The Report of the Selectmen on the petition of Eliakim Davis for a Road as mentioned in the tenth Article was here made to the town after hearing said Report read it was voted to pafs the Article over.

Dissolved

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[218] 1841. Warrant May 3

Warrant for Town Meeting May 3, 1841.

To either of the Constables of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, You are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg, on Monday the third day of May next at One o'clock after noon, then and there to To give in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Representative in the Congrefs of the United States for the fifth District to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Levi Lincoln.

Also for two County Commissioners and two special Commissioners for the County of Worcester.

and you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said Town fourteen days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and forty one

Abel Thurston
Josiah Sheldon
Samuel A. Wheeler } Selectmen of Fitchburg.

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the time, place and for

the purpose within specified, by posting up attested coppies of this Warrant at each of the meeting-houses in the village of Fitchburg

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[219] 1841. Town Meeting May 3.

Town Meeting May 3. 1841.

Town Hall Fitchburg May 3. 1841. at 1. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened as above by reading the Warrant and the Precept of Governor for the choise of a Representative to Congrefs in room of Hon Levi Lincoln Resigned Also the Return of the board of Examinors of votes for County & Special Commissioners for the County of Worcester Selectmen Presiding. Voted that the Polls be opened for Representative and County & Special Commissioners at the same time. Voted that the County & Special Commifsioners be voted for on one ballot. Check List used. Votes were then Recd. sorted counted and declared as the Law directs and were as follows.

Representative to Congress

For Representative to Congres

Whole number of Votes		295.	
Charles Hudson	had	177.	Votes
Nathaniel Wood	"	82.	"
Cyrus Pitt Grosvenor	"	34.	"
Isaac Davis	"	2.	"

County Com.

For County Commissioners.

Whole number of Votes		294.	
David Davenport	had	196.	Votes
Charles Thurber	"	197.	"
Samuel Taylor	"	97.	"
Zachariah Sheldon	"	97.	"
Abiel Jaques	"	1.	"

For Special Commissioners.

Whole number of Votes		294.	
Stephen Davis	had	196.	Votes
Jerome Gardner	"	196.	"
David Daveport	"	97.	"
Adam Harrington	"	97.	"

Salem Towne " 1. "
Edmund Cushing " 1. "
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[220] Warrant for Town Meeting May 3. 1841.

1841. May 3. Warrant

To either of the Constables of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, You are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the third day of May next at two O clock after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1st. To see what action the Town will take upon an Order of Notice of the County Commifsioners, on the Petition of Manafsah S Furbush and others, for a new County road—commencing at the County road leading from Leominster to Westminster Southerly or Easterly of the house of Daniel Miles in Westminster—thence to the County Road leading from Ashburnham to Winchendon.

2d. To see if the Town will accept of a new Road and the alterations of an Old Road, as petitioned for by Charles Farwell and others, and laid out by their Selectmen or act anything thereon.

3d To see if the Town will take any measures to enlarge their Burying Ground, or to purchase a new lot for a Burying Ground.

4th To see if the Town will appoint an agent to collect debts due the Town.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses, in said Town, eight days, at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Josiah Sheldon } of Fitchburg

By virtue of this Warrant I have notifyed the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes within specifyed by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the meeting-houses in the village of Fitchburg.

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1841.
Town Meeting May 3.

Town Meeting May 3. 1841.

Town Hall Fitchburg May 3. 1841. at 2. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by reading the Warrant and choosing Deac Abel Thurston Moderator.

Article 1st Com. to oppose Road petitioned for by Manassah S. Furbush & others

Voted to choose a Committee of three to oppose the location of the Road set forth in the first article of the warrant by all honorable means. chose for said Committee William Carleton
Isaiah Putnam and
Abel Thurston

Article 2 Charles Farwells Road Rejected.

The Report of the Selectmen on the petition of Charles Farwell and others for a new Road and an alteration of the Old Road between the house of the said Charles Farwell and the Old Turnpike so called was read to the Town whereupon so much of said report as related to the new Road was rejected. That part of said report which relates to an alteration of the Old Road was by vote of the Town accepted—which alterations are discribed in said report as follows.

Alteration in Old Road between Charles Farwells & the Old Turnpike Accepted

And from said Charles Farwells house to the Old Turnpike Road so called, we have laid out and altered the road as follows—Begining at a small birch tree on the east side of the Road on land of Joseph Farnsworth—thence on land of said Farnsworth & Dolly Boutelle South 13º West 24. Rods & 5 links to a Stake—thence on said land South 8 Rods and 9 links to a stake—then South 11º West 6 Rods and 20 Links to the east bound of said Road—then from

sd last bound to the Old Turnpike—Said last mentioned road to be two rods wide and to lie on the Westerly side of said course—and we award to Dolly Boutelle over whose land said way pafses for her damage the sum of $5—to be paid by said Town before said alteration is made—Which said roads and alteration therein are hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance—and when accepted and recorded are forever after to be known as public town ways.

Dated at Fitchburg this twenty third day of April in the year 1841. Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Josiah Sheldon } Fitchburg

Article 3. Burying Ground Committee on.

Voted that the subject of the third Article in the warrant be refered to a Committee of three to consider the subject and report at some future meeting.

Voted that the Selectmen be that Committee.

Article 4. Agent to Collect Debts

Voted to choose an Agent to collect debts due the Town Voted and chose Ebenezer Torrey Esq said Agent.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[222] 1841. Warrant. May 22, 1841

Warrant Town Meeting May 22. 1841.

To either of the Constables of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg, on Saturday the 22. day of May Inst. at four O'clock after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1st. To see if the Town will accept of a new road petitioned for by Charles Farwell and Others as laid out by their Selectmen and reported to the town at a legal meeting held by said Town on the third day of May now current, or act anything thereon.

2d. To to chose a Committee to let out and superintend the making of said road or act any thing thereon.

and you are directed to serve this Warrant by

posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses, in said town seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Josiah Sheldon } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. May 15th 1841. I hereby cirtify that I have served this Warrant by posting up attested coppies thereof at each of the meeting-houses in the village of Fitchburg.

Alpheus Kimball Constl. of Fitchbg

Attest. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[223] 1841. Town Meeting May 22.

Town Meeting May 22. 1841.

Town Hall Fitchburg May 22. 1841. four. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened and organized by reading the warrant and choosing William Carleton Esq Moderator.

Article 1st Charles Farwell's Road Accept. Discontinued June 28. 1841.

The Report of the Selectmen referred to in the first article of the warrant was read whereupon the town voted to accept said Road. The above Road was discontinued June 28, 1841. therefore the Town Clerk considers it unnecessary that said Report should appear on the record.

Article 2d

After the above Road was accepted it was voted that a Committee of three be chosen to let out and superintend the making said Road

Voted that the Selectmen be that Committee.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Roll of Militia May 1841.

The following Pages contain a list of soldiers liable to be enrolled made out by us the subscribers May 1841.

Abel Thurston } Assessors
Cyrus Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Sewell F. Adams
Abel F. Adams
Marvin Adams
Hiram Atherton
Nelson Atherton
Harvey Alden
Joshua M. Armsby
Leander Andrews
Elbridge G. Atherton
Alonzo Andrews
Edward Aldrich
Daniel Andrews
Josiah D. Brown
Aaron Bolton
Aaron F. Beaman
Joseph Baldwin
Jonathan Burrage
Job S. Bigelow
Charles D. Bond
Romo Bowen
Henry N. Bowen
George Brown
Reuben Billings
Amos Brown
Jacob Brown
Stillman Burnap
Sumner D. Boynton
Joseph Boynton Jr
John Boynton
Ebenezer A. Bartlet
Thomas K. Bathrick
Hervy Ball
Porter Brown
Samuel Barns
Samuel Barns 2d
David Battles
Joseph Battles Jr
Samuel Battles
Charles Battles
Joseph Bemis
Samuel Burnap Jr
Alvah Beckwith
Merick Bemis
Moses Barret
Calvin Battles
Edmund Bathrick
William Brown
Flavel Barns
Daniel Blood
James H. Bennett
Hurburt Bowers
Hiram Chambers
Samuel S. Crocker
Nathan Caswell
Stephen Caswell
John Carr.
Thomas C. Caldwell
Samuel Carter
Charles Carter
Samuel M. Caswell
Alonzo O. Carter
Ira Carleton
Roswell Curtis

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1841. May.

Roll of Militia Continued 1841.

Phineas A. Crocker
Israel N. Carter
Josiah Chase
Chandler Crocker
Addison Davis
Joseph Derby
Isaac Dench
Edmund Davis
Samuel M. Dole
John Dole
Frederick J. Davis
Aldin Davis
Charles P. Dean
Andrew J. Dean
Wm. S. Downe
Emerson Downe
Fitch Downe
Newton Downe
Albert B. Damon
Addison W. Damon
William Damon
George W. Davis
John Dorerty
Wyman Davis
John Daisy
Samuel H. Evans
Thomas S. Eaton
Aaron Eaton Jr

Paschal Eddy
Wm. C. Ellick
Daniel S. Eaton
Joseph Eaton
Benjamin Flint
Charles Fefsendon
Leonard Farnsworth
Barnard Fuller
Hiram Frany
Jabez Flint
Samuel Farwell
Levi Farnsworth
Levi Fullum
Charles Farwell
Elijah C. Farwell
Parker Farnsworth
Salathiel W. Farmer
Dexter Farwell
Joseph Farnsworth 2d
Luther Fuller
Jonathan Farnsworth Jr
Dier Flanders
Dixen L. Gill
John Goodridge Jr
Reubin Gibson
Alonzo P. Goodridge
Darwin Gates
Asher Green
Joseph Gerry
Jefferson A. Goodridge
Silas H. Goodnow
Silas Gates
Elias Gates
Arrington Gibson 2d
Arrington Gibson 3d
Jacob Gibson
Jeremiah K. Gibson
Barker Gibson
Lemuel W. Gibson
Edward S. Goodfellow
Wm. Gibson
Francis Gould
Jacob Gould
Leonard B. Hartwell
Addison Hubbard
Gardner E. Hall
James Hartwell
William Harris
Abijah Hartwell
Benjamin J. House
Seth B. Hall
Thomas Hale
Jacob Haskell
Luther L. Holbrook
Thomas G. Harris
Stephen Hicks
Nathan Hartwell
John Hammond
James L. Haynes
Charles Howe
Luther G. Howard
Ward Jackson
Abram Jaquith
John L. Joslin
Edwin Jackson
Alpheus Kimball 2d
Cyrus Kinsman
Loren Kendall
Harvey Kinsman
Charles Kinsman
Levi Kendall
Lorenzo Kinsman
Oliver Kendall
Charles Kinsman
Veranus Keyes
Asa Lowe
Abner Lamphier
Stephen Lowe
David Lowe
Asa P. Lovell
Freeborn Lawrence
Uriah Lawrence
Charles Livermore
Benjamin D. Leverett
Charles S. Litch
Gustavus Lyman
James D. Litchfield
Franklin Litchfield
Dennis T. Lowe
Wm. Martin
Wm. Marshall

[225] Roll of Militia Continued 1841.
1841. May.

Charles H. Merriam
David H. Merriam
Daniel Mefsenger
Jed Mayo
William J. Merriam
James McIntire
Joseph McIntire
Horace P. Mefsenger
Stephen McIntire
Abel Marshall
Lyman McIntire
Reubin McIntire
Rufsel Marble
William Mack
Zachariah Marshall
Luther Mainard
Warner Marsh
Darius Marsh
Albert T. Nichols
Charles Nichols
Wm. D. Newton
Abram Osborn 2d
Lucius C. Osborn
Nathl. Oliver
Alvin Osborn
Thomas Palmer
Wm. B. Phelps
Silas Pratt
Nathan Prescott
Joel Page Jr
Levi H. Phelps
James Parkhurst Jr
Aldin Phelps
John Pritchard
Porter Piper
Franklin Phillips
Francis Phillips
Silas Parkhurst
Asa Patridge
Oren Patridge
Sulivan G. Proctor
Solomon Pratt
Samuel D. Phelps
Benj. F. Proctor
John Putnam 2d
John Putnam
Solomon W. Putnam
Horace Piper
James Peirce
Dennis Page Jr
Josiah Patch
Albert. Page
Charles A. Perry
Ira Richards
Horace R. Rice
Henry Rockwell
Jerome T. Richardson
George Reed
Charles Rufsell
Charles H. Raymond
John M. Richardson
Lovel T. Richardson
David Richardson
Levi Simonds
Jefse Spaulding
Rufus P. Smith
John Start
Charles Sawtell 2d
Joseph Sanders
Sherebiah T. Sawtell
Benjamin Safford
Avery Stockwell
Joseph T. Scott
John Stickney
Simeon Shattuck
Joseph Smith
John Smith
Simon Smith
Stillman Sawyer
Joshua S. Sawtell
David A. Smith
Charles Stuart
Sewall Shattuck.
Samuel Shattuck
John C. Stimpson
Phineas B. Spaulding
Levi Sherwin
Justin Stearns
Sanford Sawyer
John A. Stiles
Wm. W. Sawyer
Edmund C. Smith

Norman Stone
Reuben Smith
Samuel Saunders
Samuel W. Tileston
Andrew J. Twitchell
Cahill Tolman
Owin Taylor
Daniel Taylor
Stephen Tolman
David Taylor
James S. Vanderford
Carter Vanderford
Timothy Vinton
Samuel A. Wheeler
Jasper Warner
Amos White
Daniel C. Whitcomb
Willard Whitcomb
Augustus Washburn
Nathan Washburn
Augustus Wheeler
Nathan Whitcomb
Elijah C. Whitcomb
William Winch
John Weld
Willoby Wilder
David Whitemore
Winchester Wyman
James Whitemore
Loren Whitemore
George P. Warren
James Whitney
Benjn Whitney
William Woodbury Jr
Sabin Woodbury
Almond Wheeler
Cyrus Whitcomb
Wm. P. Washburn
Aaron P. Watson
John Willoughbee
Russel Waters
Alfred White
Naam. Wetherbee
Tylor Younglove
Ira Younglove
William N. Yarrington

Whole number 320.
Copy Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[226]
1841.
June 28.
Warrant.

Warrant for Town Meeting June 28. 1841.

To either of the Constables of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the 28th day of June instant at three o'clock, after noon then and there to act on the following articles:

1st To choose a Moderator.

2d To see if the Town will discontinue a certain town way recently laid out by the Selectmen of said Town—and accepted at a town meeting held on the 22^d^ day of May last—Begining at a small White oak tree on the south side of the Old Road west of the widow Elizabeth Fullums house—thence south 22°

west 16 rods & 10. links to a Pine tree marked—thence south 55º west 13. rods 18. links to a Pine tree marked—thence south 60º west 26. rods to a Chesnut tree marked—thence South 35½º west 5. rods to a Chesnut tree marked—thence South 22½º west 11. rods to a Chesnut tree marked—thence South 45º west 10. rods to a Hemlock tree marked—thence South 38º west 21. rods, ten links to a Maple tree marked—thence South 23º west 29 rods to a sapling Pine marked—thence south 25º west 67. rods to an Ash tree marked—thence south 35½º west 13 rods & 15 links to a stake set up—thence south 32º west—41. rods & 5. links to a stake and stones—one rod east of the north west corner of land owned by Benjamin Brown near the house of Charles Farwell where it intersects with the road leading by said Farwells house—laid out three rods wide & lying on the westerly side of said course or act any thing thereon said town may think proper.

3d. To hear the report of the Committee chosen to ascertain the probable cause of the damage sustained by the carrying away of the Bridge near the Furnace in Fitchburg in January 1841, and act any-thing in regard to said report they think proper.

4th. To see if the town will take any more effectual measures to secure the road & bridge near the Furnace from further exposure to damage from water & ice in future, or act anything in regard to securing said road & Bridges from damage in future they think proper.

5. To see if the Town will accept of a Road petitioned for by Eliakim Davis recently laid out by their Selectmen through land of Edward Smith as reported to the town, at a meeting held April 5th 1841, or act anything in regard to providing a road for said Davis they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses, in said town eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting. Given under our hands this fourteenth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Josiah Sheldon } of
Samuel A. Wheeler } Fitchburg.

[227] 1841.

Warrant for Town Meeting June 28. 1841.

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of this town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the time and place as within directed by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the meeting-houses in the village of Fitchburg T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting June 28. 1841.

Town Meeting June 28. 1841.

Town Hall Fitchburg June 28. 1841. at 3. o'clock P. M. pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened by reading said warrant and under the first Article in the warrant choosing Alvah Crocker Esq Moderator.

Article 1st.

Article 2d Charles Farwell Road Discontinued

The 2 Article having been read by the moderator it was voted that the Road as described in said Article be discontinued—the vote was full almost unanimous—the report of said road has not been recorded See Page 223, this book.

Article 3d Report on Damage to Bridge by Furnace. &c.

The Report of the Committee on the Subject of this Article was heare read and after much discussion on the subject of the Report the first part was accepted which related to the causes of said damage—the second part which contained some recommendations to the town was rejected.

Article 4th Committee on Bridge Road &c near Furnace

Voted that William Carleton, Abial J. Towne, Horace Newton Alpheus Kimball, Abel Fox Isaac B. Woodard and Joshua Goodridge be a Committee with full authority from the Town to build an embankment, near the furnace, to make such an arrange-

ment with Mr Crocker, and do anything in relation to securing the Town against further damage from freshets, near s'd furnace they shall deem most for the interests of the town, and that they be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of the town for the expence of the same.

Article 5 Voted to pafs over the 5th Article in the warrant.

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[228] 1841. School Districts Nos 4 & 6 Nonresidents Taxed in

Return of Assessors of Nonresidents Taxed in Shool Districts 4. & 6

We the Subscribers Assessors of the Town of Fitchburg for the year 1841, have this day determined that the real estate owned by the following named Nonresident persons lying within the said town of Fitchburg shall be Taxed in District No 6. viz:

Ivers Phillips
Ephm. Graham & Brothers
Nathl Carter
Brown & Newton
William Taylor
Chas W. Wilder
Jona Whitcomb

Abel Thurston
Cyrus Thurston
Levi Downe
} Selectmen of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

District No 4. We the Subscribers Assessors of the town of Fitchburg for the year 1841. have this day determined that the real estates owned by the following named persons nonresidents laying within the town of Fitchburg shall be taxed in District No 4. to wit.

Edward Bacon
Heirs of Francis Curtis
Joseph Elmer
John Murdock
Daniel Miles
Jacob Rugg.
Moses Sawtelle
Heirs of Wonder Wares
Catherine Wright

Abel Thurston } Assessors
Cyrus Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[229] 1841. Nov. 8. Warrant

Warrant for Town Meeting Nov 8,ht 1841.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the eight day of November next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, being the second Monday of said month.

To bring in their votes to the Selecmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for Five Senators, on one ballot, for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing. Also at the same time to choose a Representative to represent them in the general Court to be holden at Boston on the first wednesday of January next

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twentieth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Josiah Sheldon } of
Samuel A. Wheeler } Fitchburg

By Virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the time, place and for the purposes within specified by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the meeting houses in this Villiage

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[230] Town Meeting November 8. 1841.

1841. November 8. Town Meeting.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 8. 1841. 10. O'clock A. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened as above by reading the Warrant. Selectmen presiding—check list used—Votes were Reed for Governor and Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth and for five Sennators for the District of Worcester County on One ballot which was sorted, counted, Recorded, declared, Returns made out signed, sealed and directed as the Law directs in open Town meeting and were as follows.

Governor. For Governor. Whole number of Votes 484.

John Davis	had	258.
Marcus Morton	"	200.
Lucius Boltwood	"	26.

Lt. Governor. For Lt. Governor

Whole number of Votes		485.
George Hull	had	258.
Henry H. Childs	"	201.
Ebenezor Hunt	"	26.

Senators. For Senators Whole number of votes 485.

Samuel Wood	had	258.
James Allen	"	258.
Amory Holman	"	251.
Emory Washburn	"	258.
Alexander De.Witt	"	258.
John Spurr	"	201.
Isaac Davis	"	201.
Nathaniel Wood	"	199.
Adam Harrington	"	201.
Benjamin Estabrook	"	201.
Charles Humphry	"	26.
Cyrus Pitt Grosvenor	"	26.
Isaac R. Barbour	"	26.
Thomas Walter Ward	"	26.
Joshua Titus Everett	"	26.
Charles W. Wilder	"	3.

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1841.
Representative.

Town Meeting November 8. 1841.

Votes were recd. for a Representative which were sorted counted and declared as followes

For Representative to the General Court the whole number of Votes was 458.

First Ballot.

Alvah Crocker	had	229.	
Josiah Sheldon	"	189.	
Joseph Upton	"	32.	
Levi Downe	"	5.	
Nathaniel Wood	"	2.	
William Carleton	"	1.	
		458.	
		230.	necessary for a choise

Second Ballot.

Alvah Crocker	had	223.	and was chosen
Josiah Sheldon	"	172.	
Joseph Upton	"	6.	
Levi Downe	"	2.	
Nathaniel Wood	"	1.	
		414.	Whole number
		208.	necessary for a choise

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

1841.
Novm 8.
Warrant.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 8. 1841.

To either of the Constables of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the eighth day of November next at 2 o'clock after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1st. To choose a Moderator

2d. To see what action the Town will take on the Order of notice of the County Commifsioners to view a rout for a County Road & locate the same if they

think proper—Commencing at the Town lines of Fitzwilliam & Winchendon and to terminate at or near the house of D. F. McIntire in the town of Fitchburg as Petitioned for by Daniel Tuttle and others.

3d. To see what action the town will take on an Order of Notice of the County Commiſsioners to view a rout for a new County Road and locate the same if they think proper—Commencing near the public house of William & Sabin Woodbury in the Town of Fitchburg—and terminating at or near the house formerly occupied by Merrick Whitney, as a tavern, on the county road leading from the Town of Ashburnham to the town of Winchendon.

[232] Warrant for Town Meeting November 8. 1841.

1841. Warrant Continued

4 To see if the Town will cause to be opened and made fit for travel a Town Road, laid out and accepted by said Town in the year 1777, leading from the house now occupied by Eliakim Davis over land of Edward Smiths & others, to the place where the house stood formerly occupied by Joseph Boynton —or instead thereof to accept and cause to be made a piece of new Road as prayed for by said Davis and laid out by the Selectmen commencing at the road leading from the Great Road to the house of said Smith and thence in a northerly direction over land of said Smith to said Davis land—or act anything relative to said pieces of road they deem proper—

5 To hear the report of their Committee chosen to look for a new piece of ground for a burying yard—& act thereon as they think proper

6 To see if the town will annex Abel Scott to School District No 10 or act any thing thereon.

and you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses, in said town, eight days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one. Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Samuel A. Wheeler } Fitchburg

By Virtue of this Warrant I have notifyed the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualifyed to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the time place and for the purposes within specified by posting up attested Copies of this Warrant at each of the meeting-houses in this village

T. S. Wilson, Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[233] 1841. November 8. Town Meeting

Town Meeting November 8. 1841.

Town Hall. Fitchburg November 8th 1841. 2. o'clock P. M. The Town Meeting was opened Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant. by reading the same and choosing under the first Article Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator

Article 1.

Article 2. Order of Notice for a Road from Winchendon to Fitchburg Committee on

Voted to choose a Committee of three to wait on the County Commissioners when viewing the Road set forth in the 2 Article of the Warrant. Chose

William Carleton Esq
Horace Newton "
Josiah Whitcomb said Committee

Instructions to

Voted That the above Committee be instructed to view the Old Road prior to the time fixed by the County Commiſsioners to view the same and if in their opinion the travel cannot be retained on said Road as it now is then they are to favour judicious alterations

Article 3. County Road Prayed for by M. Forbush and others.

Voted that the subject of this article be referred to the Committee already chosen under the second Article with instructions to oppose the location of said Road.

Article 4. Eliakim Davis Road Committee on

Voted to choose a Committee to view the Old Road mentioned in this article and the rout for a new Road as laid out by the Selectmen and to appaise what said Smith shall receive as difference

between the Old Road and the damage to said Smith on the rout as laid by the Selectmen as aforesaid. Said Smith being present in open Town meeting agreed to the same

Chose Abel Thurston
Samuel A. Wheeler
Josiah Sheldon
Joseph Downe
Daniel Works
John Whitcomb
Isaac B. Woodard said Committee with instruction to report at the next Town meeting.

Article 5 Voted to pafs over this Article the committee not being ready to report.

Article 6. Voted to pafs over the 6 Article.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[234] 1842. March 28. Warrant

Warrant for Town Meeting March 7. 1842.

To either of the Constables of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester— Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections, and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on monday the seventh day of March next at nine O'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles—

Article 1st— To Choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing

" 2nd— To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer—

" 3rd— To see if the town will choose their Treasurer Collector of taxes, or act anything respecting the collection of taxes they may think proper—

" 4th— To hear the report of their Committee to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen & Afsessors, for the year past—and choose a committee for the same purpose for the year ensuing—

" 5th— To hear the report of their Committee chosen to

aſsertain the expenses of their work house and poor establishment the year past—and choose a Committee for the same purpose for the year ensuing—

" 6th— To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their highways, townways, & Bridges, the year ensuing—determine the manner of laying out said money—fix the price of labour &c—on said rodes

" 7th— To see what method the town will dopt to keep the two principle rodes from Leominster to Westminster lines in repair the year ensuing—

" 8th— To choose a Committee to take care of the Bridges the year ensuing—

" 9th— To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing—and act any thing in regard to expending and division of the same they think proper—

" 10th— To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their neceſsary town charges the year ensuing.

" 11th— To hear the report of their school Committee for the past year—

" 12th— To see if the town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing one of the bells, for town purposes the year ensuing—

" 13th— To see if the town will restrain Horses, neat cattle & swine from running at large within said town the year ensuing—

" 14th— To see if the town will authorise their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town for the year ensuing—

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To choose a committee to take charge of their

15th—Town-house the year ensuing—

16th— To see if the town will authorise their Overseers of the poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their poor farm for one or more years or act anything thereon—

17th— To see if the town will choose a Committee to

take charge of and keep in repair the Fire Engines, Engine Houses, and all the apparatus attached to them belonging to the town—

18th— To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen, from the County road opposite of Mefsers Bauldwin & Tolman's Store, to or near the house of Abel Thurston, and act anything in regard to said road they think proper—

19th— To see if the town will give their Afsefsors any instruction as to the manner of taking the invoice, and preparing the valuation of the town for the ensuing year—

20th— To see if the town will take any measures to establish a gramer school, as required by the laws of this Commonwealth in the town of Fitchburg or act any thing upon the subject they think proper—

21th— To see if the town will allow Eliakim Davis the sum of three dollars demanded by him for breaking out his road in the year 1841—

22th— To see if the town will take any measures to alter or enlarge their Town Hall or act any thing thereon they think proper—

23rd— To hear the report of any Committee chosen at former meetings of the town and act thereon as they think proper—

24th— To see if the town will purchase or lease a piece of land for the accommodation of Engine-house No. 3—or act anything thereon they think proper—

25th— To hear the report of the Committee chosen to enquire into the expediency of enlarging the old burying ground—or of purchasing a new spot for a burying ground—and act any thing in regard to the subject matter of said report they think proper—

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town fourteen days, at least before the time of holding said meeting.—Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting—

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of Febuary in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two Abel Thurston, Josiah Sheldon, Samuel A. Wheeler } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worcester fs. Febry 19th 1842 I hereby certify that I have served this Warrant by posting up Attested Copies thereof at each of the Meeting-houses in the village of Fitchburg.

Alpheus Kimball Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall

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Town Hall Fitchburg March 7, 1842 Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened at the above time and place by reading the Warrant and choosing Hon Nathaniel Wood Moderator. Prayer by the Revr Oran Tracy.

Oaths Sign of

N. B. The various Town Officers of whome an Oath is required by Law—and who were qualified on the day of their electon by taking the Oath prescribed have the letter s. prefixed to their names respectively all others who have been sworn have the date of their being sworn preceeding the sign above mentioned. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Check List used in the Eletction of Town Clerk and Selectmen.

Article 1. Town Clerk.

Chose s Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk who was sworn into office by in open Town meeting by the moderator the Hon Nathaniel Wood Esq.

Selectmen.

chose s Abel Thurston, s Josiah Sheldon, s Samuel A. Wheeler } Selectmen.

Assessors.

chose s Levi Downe, s Alpheus Boutelle, s Cyrus Thurston } Assessors.

Overseers of Poor.

chose William Carleton, Abel Thurston, Isaiah Putnam } Overseers of Poor.

Voted to adjourn One hour.

Town Treasurer. chose s Ebenezer Torrey Town Treasurer.

Constables. chose s Timothy S. Wilson
s Alpheus Kimball } Constables.
s David F. McIntire

School Comm. chose Revr Calvin Lincoln
" Ebenezer W. Bullard
" Oran Tracy
Horace Newton Esq } School Committee
John Smith

Highway Surveyors. chose s Joshua Goodridge
s David Boutelle
s Asa Sawyer
s Horace P. Mefssenger
March 15. s John Boynton
s Jabez Flint
s Abel Eaton
March 22. s Nathan Caswell
s Samuel Farwell
s Israel N. Carter
s Charles Farbanks
s Thomas S. Eaton
April 4 s William S. Downe
s Samuel W. Harris
s Emmonds Stockwell
March 12. s John C. Stimpson
s Nathan Prescott
s Asa Farwell 2d
s Henry Maynard
s Joseph Townshend
Josiah Caswell
s Lorin Kendall
s Albert B. Damon
March 12 s Stephen McIntire
s Joshua Chase Highway Surveyors
Aprl 4. s Seth P. Tylor chosen April 4

Voted not to choose Tythingmen.

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Moses Hale
March 16 s Levi Bradford
Levi Fullum

March 12 s Abel Scott
March 14 s Norman Stone
s Reuben Rice
March 12 s William Nicholds
March 23 s Elijah Brigham
March 11 s Hyram Davis
Ephraim Hartwell
March 17. s Elliot Wood
John Boynton
Flint Sheldon
March 12 s Lyman McIntire. Field Drivers.

Fence Viewers

chose s Levi Downe
s William Woodbury
s Joel Page
s Samuel Hawes
s William Bemis Fence Viewers.

Surveyors o Lumber.

chose s John Pritchard
s John H. Wheeler
Gustavus Lyman
s John L. Joslin
s Josiah Sheldon
s Levi Pratt
s Ephraim Osborn Jr
s Amos Durant Surveyors of Lumber.

Measurers of Wood & Bark

Voted that the Selectmen appoint measurers of Wood and Bark.

Sealers of Leather.

chose Charles Sawtell
John Sawyer Sealers of Leather.

Cullers of Hoops and Staves

chose s Jeremiah Kinsman Jr
s Jesse Spaulding
Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Pound Keeper

chose s Ira Carleton Pound Keeper.

Fire Wards.

chose Alpheus Kimball
Jonas A. Marshall
Josiah Sheldon
David F. McIntire
Ebenezer Torrey
Robert L. Fryer
Timothy Vinton
Abel Simonds
Horace Newton
Samuel Willis
John H. Wheeler
Alvah Crocker

Abial J. Towne Amos Durant
John Caldwell Fire Wards. All of whome were notified thereof and signified there acceptance

Article 2 County Treasurer

Votes for County Treasurer were all for Anthony Chase who had 156. Votes.

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Voted not to choose the Treasurer Collector of Taxes.

Collection of Taxes

Voted to accept the proposition of David F. McIntire which is that he will collect all Taxes Legally afsessed by the Town the present year and pay over the same to the Town Treasurer before the first Monday in March 1843. for two per-cent on the amount of said Taxes and will give Bonds with good Surety to fulfill the Same.

Collector.

Chose s. David F. McIntire Collector.

Article 4. Report on Treasury. Town Debt $4.107.02

The Committee chosen to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of Selectmen and Assessors the year past made their Report with was Read and on vote was Accepted The committees Report Shows a Balance against the Town $4.107.02 Said Report is on file in the Town Clerks Office.

Committee of Treas

For Committee to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing

Chose David Boutelle
Horace Newton
Isaiah Putnam.

Selectmen's Report Printed

The Report of Selectmen was next read and accepted whereupon it was voted that said Report be refered to the committee chosen to settle with Treasurer of last year togather with Treasurer and Chairman of Selectmen with instructions to print such parts thereof as they may see fit, and that seven hundred coppies be printed.

Article 5.

Past over.

Article 6. $1200. For

Voted to raise the sum of twelve hundred Dollars

Highways & Bridges

for the support of Highways and Bridges the year ensuing.

Voted that the money for Highways and Bridges be laid out as last year and that the same price pr. hour be allowed

Article 7 County Roads in Care of Selectmen

Voted that the Selectmen have charge of the Roads specified in the seventh Article in the warrant.

Article 8 Bridges.

Voted that the Selectmen take charge of the Bridges the year ensuing.

Article 9 $1500. for Schools.

Voted to raise the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars for the support of Schools the year ensuing to be apportioned as last year.

Article 10 $3500 for Town Charges

Voted to Raise thirty five hundred Dollars for necessary Town charges the year ensuing.

Article 11.

Pafsed over the Eleventh Article to the adjournment.

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Article 12. Ringing Bell $20.

Voted to appropriate a Sum not exceeding Twenty Dollars for ringing one of the parish Bells for Town purposes the year ensuing.

Article 13

Voted That Horses, Neat-Cattle and Swine be restrained the year ensuing from running at large.

Article 14. Treasurer to Borrow money

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

Article 15 Town House

Voted. That the Select-men take charge of the Town House the year ensuing.

Article 16. Poor House

Voted. The Overseers of Poor be authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Poor Establishment for one or more years.

Article 17 Engines.

Voted That the Select-men take charge of and keep in repair the Engines, Engine Houses, and all the Fire Apparatus belonging to the Town the year ensuing.

Article 18 Road to A. Thurstons

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out from Baldwin and Tolmans Store to Deac Abel Thurston's House was read to the Town whereupon the town voted not to accept said Report.

Article 19 Assessors Instructions

Voted That the Assessors require the invoice of every man taxed in town under oath and that they be instructed to survey such farmes as they dubt the measurement of.

Article 20 School Comm

Voted that the twentyeth Article be referred to the School Committee to report at adjournment.

Article 21. E Davis $3.

Voted to allow Eliakim Davis three Dollars for breaking-out his Road in 1841.

Article 22

Pafsed over.

Article 23 Eliakim Davis' Road

The Committee chose Novm 8. 1841 on the subject of Eliakim Davis Road here made the following Report—The Committee chosen by the above vote Report that in their opinion the town have no claim on the Old Road so called, consequently nothing can be claimed as an offset for the damage of the new road laid out.

Rejected.

Abel Thurston
Josiah Sheldon
Samuel A. Wheeler } Commit
Isaac B. Woodward
John Whitcomb

The above Report was read an on Vote accepted.

The Report of Selectmen of a Road prayed for by Eliakim Davis was then rejected.

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Article 24. Engine House No 3.

Voted the Selectmen be authorized to take a Deed or lease of a piece of land for Engine House No. 3. free from expense to the Town.

Article 25 Burying Ground

The committee on the subject of Burying Ground here made the Report which follows. The Committee chosen by the town to inquire into the expediency of enlarging the Old Burying Yard, or purchasing a spot for a new Yard, Report in favour of enlarging the Old Yard by the purchase of land on the Westerly side thereof according to a plan herewith presented—providing the same can be had at a fair price—and Recommend to the town to choose a committee with authority to purchase so much of said land as in their judgement will be for the interest of the town.

Abel Thurston } Committee
Josiah Sheldon

Voted to accept the above Report and to adopt the recommendation of the committee—in pursuance of which the following gentlemen were chosen a committee with full powers as recommended above viz

Committee on Burying Ground

Abel Thurston
Josiah Sheldon
Samuel A. Wheeler
Francis Perkins
David Boutelle
Abij. Hartwell
John T. Farwell Committee.

Adjournment April 4. 1842.

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at 2. O'clock P. M.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 4. 1842 2. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to adjournment the meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk (the Moderator being absentt and the meeting was organized by choosing Mr Alpheus Boutell Esq Moderator.

Article 5. Poor Exp of.

The Committee chosen to assertain the expenses of the work house and poor Establishment the past year here made their Report which was read and accepted. whole expense of Poor from Feb 24. 1841. to Apr 1. 1842—57. weeks $1250.26.

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Article 5. Committee on Poor.

Voted to choose a committee to assertain the expenses of the poor establishment the year ensuing.

Chose David Boutelle
Horace Newton
Abel F. Adams Committee.

Article 11.

The School Committee made their Report which was read and accepted.

Guide Posts

Report of Selectmen showing where Guide Posts are or Should be erected Pursuant to a statute law of this Commonwealth the Selectmen of the town Fitchburg present the following Report showing the places in which Guide Posts are erected and maintained within said town which are as follows—One

on the Common directing to the principal town in all directions—And on the Leominster road—one at the corner near David Boutell's—and one at the corner near the Poor-farm On the Lunenburg Road one at the corner between David Boutell's & Alonzo P. Goodridges—on the South Great Road—One near the house of Wm. Woodbury and at the corner near the house of Ephm. Osborn Jr & at the corner of J. Harris & at the end of the Road leading by the house of Joseph Upton—also one near the Tavern of William Woodbury Jr & one on the Road leading from said Woodbury's to Westminster at the end of the Road leading by J. Foxes Saw-mill—one at the corner of the Road near the house of Joseph Farnsworth & one near the shop of Israel Turner—on the Road leading from the Old City South—one near the Tanyard of Caldwell and Sprague—one at the corner above the burying yard—one near the house of Widow E. Fullum & one at the end of the Road leading by the House of Charles Farwell—one on the School House in District No 5. and one on Levi Pratts Chair Shop—From the Old City North—one at the end of the Road leading to Abel F. Adams'—one at the corner near J. H. Merriam's & one at the corner near the house of George Warren—one on Samuel Phelps shop—& one near the house of Betsey and Clarisa Perley & one at the Corner near the house of Ephm. Gibson—From the Common North—one on the shop of Justin Stearns & one on the Oak Tree between the house of J. Jaquith & Daniel Lowe—On the County Road leading to Ashburnham one at the corner near the shop of S. Dole & Son—one near the house of George Bowker—and one near the house of John Boynton—on the Westminster Road one at the end of the Road leading to Ephm. Osborn Jr—on the old Road leading to Ashburnham—one near the house of Loren Kendall—one near the house of Widow Hovey—& one at the corner Eleazer Davis' land—and one near the house of Capt Deane—

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on the Road leading from said Road to Ashby—one near the house of Asa Ramond—and one at the end of the Road leading to the house of Samuel Shattuck—of the above many are in poor repair, particularly the one near Mr Doles shop—the one on the shop of J. Stearns—the one near the Poor-farm and the one near Israel Turners shop—In the opinion of the Selectmen Guide Posts should be erected in the following places where there is none—In the Old City one directing to Ashby and at the end of the Road leading to the house of Arrington Gibson 3d one at the end of the Road leading from the south great Road by the house of Joseph Battles & one near the house of John Start—& one where new Westminster road crofses the old north branch Turnpike—

All which is Respectfully submitted—

Abel Thurston
Josiah Sheldon
Samuel A. Wheeler } Selectmen of Fitchburg

after the above Report was read it was voted to accept said Report and instruct the Selectmen to carry into effect their recommendations by supplying all deficintcies mentioned in their Report—

Article 1. Highway Surveyor

Voted to choose one additional Highway Surveyors

Chose s Seth P. Tylor who was sworn in open Town Meeting.

Article 20 School Committee's Report on the Subject of a Grammer School

The School Committee on the Subject of the 20th Article made the following Report—

The School Committee in compliance with a vote of the Town, hereby submit their report on the 20th Art. in the Town warrant—The Law, relating to the School contemplated in said Article, may be found in Chap. 23. Section 5. 6. & 60th of the Revised Statutes, and Chap. 76, Acts & Resolves 1840.—The number of families in Town is unknown to your Committee. In the returns of the Census for 1840 five hundred and forty three families are given. The School

Committee for 1841. & 2. Report only four hundred and twenty three. This difference cannot be accounted for by the decrease of our population since 1840. Your Committee would therefore recommend that measures be taken to ascertain the number

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of families now residing in Town—and should they amount to five hundred or upwards, that the Town establish a public school upon the basis of a Grammer school—your committee are of the opinion that such a school would subserve the interests of their fellow citizens far better than one designed simply for the higher English branches—and we advise for the Assessors to get the true number of families.

By order of Committee

H. Newton Secretary of said Committee

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Assessors to take the No of families

after the above Report was Read it was voted that the same be accepted and that the Assessors be directed to carry into effect the recommendation of the Committee by ascertaining the true number of families in town.

Report on Poor to be made in April

Voted that the Report on the Poor Establishment be made in future in the month of April.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Return of Officers Appointed by Selectmen March 1842.

To Jonas A. Marshall Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg—

This is to certify that the Selectmen of s^d^ Town at a meeting this day held for that purpose have appointed

John L. Joslin.
(August 9) s William Wilder.
Robert L. Friar.
(April. 6.) s Asher Green.
Ebenezer Ball.
(June 6) s Timothy Vinton.

(May 24.) s Justin Stearns.
Samuel M. Dole.
& Apr 9. s Joel Davis.
to be measurers of wood & Bark &
May 5 s Abijah Hartwell
to be a sealer of Weights & Measures in said Town for the year ensuing.

Abel Thurston Chairman of Selectmen
Fitchburg March 15, 1842.
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

All of the above officers who have been qualified by taking the Oath required by Law have the letter s with the date on which they took said oath prefixed to their names respectively.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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To either of the Constables of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, You are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the fourth day of April next at three o'clock after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

1st To choose a Moderator

2d To see if the town will accept of a road as petitioned for by William Woodbury and others, and laid out by the Select-men commencing the house of Ephrm Osborn Jr and runing in a southerly direction to the town line of Fitchburg and Westminster—or act any thing thereon.

3d To see if the town will afsume or direct their Afsessors to abate any of the uncollected taxes on the taxbill for the year 1839 now in the hands of C Marshall or act any thing in regard to said uncollected taxes they think proper and you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies

thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Samuel A. Wheeler } of Fitchburg

Worcester fs March 29th 1842

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at said time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at Each of the public meeting-houses in said Town seven days before the time set for said meeting D. F. McIntire Constable

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[245] 1842. April 4. Town Meeting

Town Meeting April 4. 1842

Town Hall Fitchburg April 4. 1842. 3. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by reading the warrant and acting on the first Article by choosing Alpheus Boutelle Esq Moderator.

Article 1.

Article 2.

The Report of the Selectmen on the petition of William Woodbury and Others for a Road at the South part of the Town was next read and on motion it was voted to accept said Road provided it be built to the acceptance of the Selectmen and free from any expense to the Towne—the following is the Report of said Road.

Road Soth part of Town

Wm. Woodbury and others Petitioners

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town, a town-way as follows: Beginning at a stake & stones on the south side of the Old Turnpike (so called) near the house of Ephraim Osborn Jr. and on the east side of the Road leading from said Osborns house to John Foxes Saw-mill and running South 10

W. 15. rods & 5 links to a stake and stones on the East side of said Road—thence S. 8 W. 19½ rods to a stake and stone on the east side of said Road—thence S. 4½ W. 44 Rods 8 links to a stake and stones on the bank of the River the above lines include the last mentioned Road, also a strip of land one rod wide on the west side of said Road, owned by the following persons (Viz) Ephm. Osborn Jr 9 Rods, John Harris 25. Rods, & James Harris 8 Rods also crofsing the Mill yard owned by John Fox—Thence S. 26. W. crofsing the River and the new County road leading to Westminster 39 Rods to a stake and stones—thence S. 3 W. 18. Rods to a stake and Stones—thence S. 2½ W. 45. Rods to a Stake and stones—thence S 20½ W. 18. Rods to a stake and Stones—on the town line between Fitchburg & Westminster—the four last lines are on land of Abram Osborn—said Road to be on the west side of said line and to be 3 rods wide. And the said Ephm. Osborn Jr. & John Harris relinquish all damage for for said road pafsing over their land—And we appraise the damage to the said Abram Osborn at $125. and to James Harris the sum of $5. to be paid by said town when said Road is opened—Which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance—and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way—

Dated at Fitchburg this 28. day of March in the year 1842. Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Samuel A. Wheeler } of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 3. Abt. Taxes

Voted that the Taxbill for 1839 be refered to the Assessors with instructions to abate such Taxes on said list as they may think fit and proper.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[246] 1842. Warrant. May 14.

Warrant for Town Meeting May 14. 1842.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commenwealth of

Mafsachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Saturday the fourteenth day of May Inst. at four O'clock P. M. to act on the following Articles.

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d. To take such action as they think proper on an Order of notice of the County Commissioners to view a rout for a new County Road, and locate the same if they think proper, Commencing near the public house of William & Sabin Woodbury in the Town of Fitchburg and terminating at or near the House formerly occupied by Mirrick Whitney as a Tavern, on the County road leading from the town of Ashburnham, to the town of Winchendon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in the said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting—Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Sixth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Josiah Sheldon } of Fitchburg

Worcester fs. May 7. 1842. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg by posting up attested copies of this warrent at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town seven days before said meeting

D. F. McIntire Constable.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 14. 1842.

Town Hall Fitchburg May 14. 1842 4. O'clock P. M. The meeting was Opened pursuant to the foregoing warrant by reading the warrant and choosing under the first Article Abel Thurston Moderator.

Article 1.

Article 2

Voted to choose a Committee of three with instructions to use all proper measures to oppose the

location of the Road prayed for by Manasseh S. Furbush and others. Chose Nathaniel Wood, Alvah Crocker & Wm. Carleton Said Committee. Dissolved.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[247] 1842. June 6. District No 9.

Non Residents Taxed in District No 9.

To Jonas A. Marshall, Clerk of Fitchburg—We the Subscribers Assesors of Fitchburg have this day determined that the following persons Non-Resident owners of Real Estate in Fitchburg shall be Taxed for all School District taxes in School District No Nine in said Fitchburg.

Otis & Chs. Adams—John Bachelor—Isaac Bartlet—Cephas Houghton Flavel Leach—Joseph Stone—Daniel R. Streeter.

Fitchburg June 6th 1842.

Levi Downe
Cyrus Thurston } Assessors of Fitchburg.
Alpheus Boutelle

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

District No 12.

To Jonas A. Marshall Clerk of Fitchburg—We the Subscribers Assessors of Fitchburg have this day determined that the following persons Non-Resident owners of Real Estate in Fitchburg shall be taxed for all School District taxes in School District No. Twelve in said Fitchburg.

Otis Abercrombie Lunenburg
James D. Cowdin State of Mishagan
Allegene Culpepper State of N. Jersey
Oliver H. Fox State of Missoura
John Fox Charleston Mafs.
Elijah Felt. Templeton Mafs.
Abram Fay Southborough Mafs.
Lewis Gould Ashby Mafs.
Timothy W. Kinsman Groton Mafs.
Theodore Moses Exeter N. H.
Ephraim Murdock. Winchendon Mafs

Fitchburg June 6. 1842.

Levi Downe
Cyrus Thurston } Afsessors of Fitchburg
Alpheus Boutelle

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

[248] Warrant for Town Meeting August 12. 1842.

1842. Warrant. August. 12.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester—Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall on Friday the twelfth day of August Inst. at four O'clock P. M. to act upon the following articles (Viz).

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d. To take such action as they think proper on an Order of Notice of the County Commissioners to view a rout for a road (and locate the same if they think proper) from the middle of Fitchburg to the town of Ashby—and act any-thing in regard to said road they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested Copy thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town Six days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this sixth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Josiah Sheldon } of Fitchburg

Worcester fs August 6. 1842. By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchbrg held at their Town House as within Warrant directs by posting an attested Copy at each of the Meeting-houses in said Town.

D. F. McIntire Constable

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting August 12. 1842

Town Hall Fitchburg August 12. 1842. 4. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the above Warrant which was read to open the Meeting and under the first Article voted & Chose Abel Thurston Moderator

Article 1.

Article 2d Ashby Road

The Order of Notice mentioned in the second Article having been read it was Voted to choose a committee to wait on the County Commifsioners when

Committee on.

viewing said Road and locate the same as set forth in said order of notice

chose Abel Thurston, Isaiah Putnam, Josiah Sheldon Levi Downe, and Daniel Lowe, said Committee.

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Voted that the Committee be instructed to view the rout for the Road contemplated in the 2 Article of the Warrant before the Meeting of the Commiſsioners and endeavour to find the best posible location.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

November 14. Warrant.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 14, 1842.

Worcester ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the fourteenth day of November next it being the second Monday in sd month at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators for the District of Worcester County on One ballot. Also at the same time to give in their votes for a Representative in the Congreſs of the United States for the fourth District. And to choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next. And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said Meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of

meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Josiah Sheldon } of
Samuel A. Wheeler } Fitchburg

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to meet in Elections to meet at the time, place and for the purpose within specified by posting up attested copies of this warrant as within directed.

T. S. Wilson, Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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1842. November 14. Town Meeting

Town Hall Fitchburg November 14. 1842. 10. O'clock A. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Meeting was Opened by reading the Warrant. Selectmen presiding. the following is the result of Votes given for the respective officers mentiond in the Warrant. Which were all Reed, Sorted, Counted, declared, Certificates of the same made out, Signed and all sealed and directed (except the Certificate for Representative to the General Court) as the Law directs —Check list used throughout all the ballotings.

Governor.

For Governor.	Whole Number of Votes 513.			
	John Davis	had	236.	votes.
	Marcus Morton	"	217.	"
	Samuel E. Sewall	"	59.	"
	George Bradburn	"	1.	"
For Lt. Governor.	Whole number of Votes 514.			
	George Hull	had	236.	Votes.
	Henry H. Childs	"	218.	"
	William Jackson	"	59.	"
	Ellis Gray Loring	"	1.	"
For Senators.	Whole number of Votes 513.			
	Solomon Strong	had	237.	Votes.
	Alaxander DeWitt	"	237.	"
	James Allen	"	237.	"

John Wright	had	237.	Votes.
Dan Hill	"	236.	"
John Spurr	"	216.	"
Isaac Davis	"	216.	"
Benjamin Estabrook	"	216.	"
Nathaniel Wood	"	216.	"
Arial Bragg	"	216.	"
Charles Humphrys	"	58.	"
I. R. Barbour	"	58.	"
Phinehas Bemis	"	58.	"
Enoch Whitemore	"	58.	"
Edward B. Bigelow	"	57.	"
Joshua T. Everett	"	1.	Vote
C. P. Grosvenor	"	1.	"
Charles White	"	1.	"
Wm. Earle	"	1.	"
James G. Carter	"	1.	"

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For Representative to Congrefs.
District No 4. Whole number of Votes 505.

Samuel Hoar	had	236.	Votes
William Parmenter	"	210.	"
Thomas W. Ward	"	58.	"
Amos Farnsworth	"	1.	Vote

For Representative to the General Court. Whole number of Votes 483.

First Ballot

Alvah Crocker	had	237.	Votes
Nathaniel Wood	"	189.	"
Abel F. Adams	"	55.	"
Joseph Upton	"	1.	Vote
Daniel Works	"	1.	"

Second Ballot.

Alvah Crocker	had	245.	Votes Chosen
Nathaniel Wood	"	147.	"
Abel F. Adams	"	42.	"
Daniel Works	"	1.	"
Whole number of Votes		435.	

Attest. Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant November 14. 1842.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 14. 1842.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the fourteenth day of November Inst. at three O,clock P. M. to act upon the following articles—1st To choose a Moderator 2d To see if the Town will take measures to establish a Public Gramer or High School or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make returne of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this fourth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Josiah Sheldon } Fitchburg.

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections to meet at the time, place, and for the purposes within specified by posting up attested copies of this warrant as within directed.

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[252] 1842. Town Meeting. November 14.

Town Meeting November 14. 1842.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 14, 1842. 3. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by reading the warrant and under the first Article choosing Deac. Abel Thurston Moderator.

Article 1st.

Adjourned

Voted to Adjourn for four weeks (Monday December 12th 1842 at 2. o'clock P. M.

December 12. 1842. 2 Oclock P. M. Pursuant to Adjournment the meeting was opened by the moderator

Article 2. Grammer or High School.

After discufsing the subject of this Article it was by vote pafsed Over.

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting December 12. 1842

Warrant. 1842. December 12.

Worcester fs To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester—Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the twelfth day of December next at one o'clock in the after noon to act on the following Articles—(viz)

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d. To see if the Town will unite School Districts No Seven and Eight and make of them one District—and act any thing in regard to new Districting the town they think proper.

3d. To see if the town will take into consideration that part of the contemplated Road from Fitchburg to Ashby called Mechanic Street (as petitioned for by Josiah Sheldon and others) or take any measures which may lead to widening, straightening or laying out said road they think proper.

4th. To see if the town will choose a Committee to let out the making of the new County Road from the Village in Fitchburg to Ashby line, as laid out by the County Commifsioners and act any thing in regard to making said Road they think proper.

5th. To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to purchase an addition to their burying ground and act anything in regard to said Report they think proper.

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Warrant for Town Meeting December 12. 1842 Continued

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this thirtieth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

Abel Thurston
Josiah Sheldon
Samuel A. Wheeler } Selectmen of Fitchburg.

By Virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs as within directed nine days before said meeting.

D. F. McIntire Constable

December 3. 1842.

Attest J. A Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting December 12. 1842.

Town Meeting December 12. 1842.

Town Hall Fitchburg December 12. 1842. 1. o'clock P. M. The meeting, pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, was opened by reading said Warrant and under Article first choosing William Carleton Esq Moderator.

Article 1.

" 2 Voted to pafs over the second Article.

" 3 On the Subject of the third Article in the Warrant it was voted to choose a Committee of three to examine and consider the subject and report at some future meeting.

Mechanic's Street.

Committee on

Voted and Chose Levi Downe Esq
Levi Kendall
Abel Thurston Said Committee.

Art. 4th Ashby Road Committee on

Voted to choose a Committee of three to let out and Suberintend the making the new County Road from the Village in Fitchburg to Ashby line as laid out by the County Commissioners whenever by them directed.

Voted and Chose Abel Thurston
Isaiah Putnam
Josiah Sheldon Said Committee.

Article 5th Report on New Burying Ground

The Committee on the Subject of this Article here made the following Report. "The Committee chosen by the Town to purchase an addition to their Burying Ground have attended to that duty and Report that they have bargn^d^ for a lot of land of James Whitney lying westerly and Northerly of the present yard containing about Six Acres for the sum of three hundred dollars, and they recom- (over)

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mend to the Town to appoint a Committee to sell so much of the wood now standing thereon as shall be thot best. And also to layout said land into lots for families and make such provision for the disposal of said lots as they shall think proper—and Report the same to the town. Per order of Committee
Fitchburg Dec. 12th 1842. Abel Thurston Chairman.

Attest J. A. Marshall T. Clerk.

After the above Report was read it was voted that it be accepted and the recommendations therein be adopted.

Burying Ground Committee on

Voted and chose John L. Joslin
William Wilder
Levi Downe
Jonas A. Marshall
Nathaniel Wood a Committee to carry into effect the several Recommendations contained in the above Report.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Militia Roll of the Town of Fitchburg 1842.

To Jonas A. Marshall Clerk of Fitchburg—The following names are a List of Soldiers liable to be enrolled in the Town of Fitchburg on the first day

of May 1842, made out by the Subscribers Assessors of Fitchburg.

Levi Downe
Cyrus Thurston } Assessors of Fitchburg.
Alpheus Boutelle

Abel F. Adams
Daniel Andrews
Hiram Atherton
William Atherton
Elbridge G. Atherton
Marvin Adams
Edward Aldrich
Sewell F. Adams
Dennis Blood
Aaron F. Beaman
Job S. Bigelow
Charles D. Bond
Cyrus Battles
Josiah W. Boutelle
Silas P. Billings
Reuben Billings
Jacob Brown
Stillman Burnap
Elisha Brown
Harvey Ball
Porter Brown
Aldin Battles
George S. Bofs
Lorenzo Battles
Nathaniel S. Boutelle
Samuel Barnes 2d
David Battles
Samuel Battles
Charles Battles
Joseph Bemis
Samuel Burnap
Calvin Battles
J. Foster Beals
Levi Bradford
Jonathan Burrage
Sumner D. Boynton
Josiah D. Brown
George Brown
Joseph Baldwin
Andrew Conant
Albert Conant
Samuel Carter
Charles Carter
Augustus C. Carter
Elijah S. Carter
Nathan Caswell
Stephen Caswell
Josiah Chase
Levi Collins
Edmund W. Cutler
Franklin Colburn
John Carr
Charles Cushing
Thos. C. Caldwell
Alonzo O. Carter
Phineas A. Crocker
Peter S. Carter
Chandler Crocker
Samuel S. Crocker
Israel N. Carter
Nat. Cowdin
John Chase
George W. Davis
Charles P. Dean
Andrew J. Dean
David Daniels
Addison Davis
Edmund Davis
John Dole
Joel Davis
Charles Davis
William Durant
William S. Downe
Newton Downe
Albert B. Damon
Fitch Downe
Addison W. Downe
Horace Damon
Wm. Damon
Edward W. Divoll
Joseph Derby
George W. Damon
Hiram Damon
Leonard Day
Alvan Davis
Wyman Davis

Frederic Davis
Abel Derby
Daniel Emery
Ivers Emerson
Wm. C. Ellick
Aaron Eaton Jr
Daniel S. Eaton
Joseph Eaton
Thomas S. Eaton
Samuel H. Evans
Levi Farnsworth
Levi Fullum
Charles Farwell
Elijah C. Farwell
John T. Farwell
Charles Fefsenden
Jabez Flint
Henry G. Farnsworth
Barnard Fuller
Samuel Farwell
Levi Farwell
Salathiel W. Farmer
Dexter Farwell
Luther Fuller
Jonathan Farnsworth Jr
Arrington Gibson 2d
Arrington Gibson 3d
Jacob Gibson
Jeremiah K. Gibson
Lemuel W. Gibson
Asher Green
Jefferson A. Goodridge
William Griswold
Silas H. Goodnow
Alfred Gay
John P. Graves

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Joseph Gibson
Edwin O. Gibson
Absolem B. Gale
Barker Gibson
Francis Gould
Franklin Goodwin
Dexen L. Gill
Roswell Graham
Samuel Hale
Winthrop Howe
Joshua P. Holman
Samuel Harwood
James Hartwell
Abijah Hartwell
Thos. Hale
John Hammond
John Holman
Reuben L. Howe
Willard Harris
Benjn J. House
Edwin Holmes
Luther G. Howard
Ebenezer C. Hayden
Seth B. Hall
Charles W. Holt
Thos G. Harris
James L. Haynes
John Hapgood
George W. Hager
Samuel Hartwell
Joel Hartwell
Jacob. Haskell
Benjamin Hartwell
Sewall Hosmer
Gilbert Hayden
Edwin Jackson
John L. Joslin
Wm. Jaseph
Jeremiah Kinsman Jr
Harvey Kinsman
Charles Kinsman
Lorenzo Kinsman
Joseph Kingsbury
George A. Kendall
Israel S. Knowlton
Abner Lamphier
Stephen Lowe
David Lowe
Asa P. Lovell
Freborn Lawrence
Uriah Lawrence
Benjn D. Leverett
Gustavus Lyman
Galen G. Lamb

Henry B. Leland
Emerson Lewis
James D. Litchfield
Francis Lowe
Jed Mayo
Chedr Marshall
Wm. Miles
James McIntire
Horace P. Mefsenger
Jacob H. Merriam
Wm. McIntire
Stephen McIntire
Abel Marshall
Lyman McIntire
Reuben McIntire
George Morse 2d
Wm. Matthews
Francis J. McIntire
George Morse
Luther Maynard
Henry Maynard
David H. Merriam
Daniel Mefsenger
Darius Marsh
Warner Marsh
Zachariah Marshall
Daniel K. Morrill
Levi McIntire
Charles H. Merriam
Josiah Norkrofs
Wm. D. Newton
David Ordway
Abram Osborn 2d
Nathl Olsven
Abram Osborn
Abel Osborn
Wm. B. Phelps
Charles A. Perry
Albert G. Page
John Parkhurst
Francis Phillips
Franklin Phillips
Silas Parkhurst
Asa Patridge
Oren Patridge
Benjn F. Proctor
Ebenezer Phelps
Joseph Pitts
Asa Perley
Levi H. Phelps
James Parkhurst Jr
Aldin Phelps
John Pritchard
Porter Piper
Sullivan G. Proctor
Soloman Pratt
John Putnam
Samuel W. Putnam
Josiah Patch
David M. Parker
Marble Putnam
Silas Pratt
Hiram Peirce
Thomas Palmer
Charles H. Ramond
Charles Russell
David Richardson
Asa W. Ramond
Horace P. Rice
George Reed
Phineas B. Spaulding
Levi Sherwin
Josiah Sheldon
Francis Sheldon
Justin Stearns
John Sawyer
Samuel Saunders
John A. Stiles
Charles B. Sawyer
Leonard Smith
Samuel A. Sawyer
Reuben Smith
Abel Simonds
John Stickney
John Smith

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Jesse Spaulding
Rufus P. Smith
John Start
Everett Sprague
Charles Sautell 2d
Sherebiah F. Sautell

Moses Story
Jeremiah Stewart
Stillman Sawyer
Benjⁿ Safford
Avory Stockwell
Joseph T. Scott
Abel Scott
Clark Simonds
Simeon Shattuck
Samuel B. Smith
Joseph Smith
Simon Smith
John C. Stimpson
Abel Stevens
Flint Sheldon
Sanford Sawyer
William W. Sawyer
Abram Scott
Charles Sweet
Samuel Shattuck
Lemuel Starkey
Alpha Smith
Carhill Tolman
Stephen Tolman
Lorenzo Turner
David Taylor Jr
Daniel Taylor
Granvill Tavers
John M. Twitchell
Hiram Tyler
Elliot Tolman
Orvill Tolman
Albert C. Upton
Warren C. Upton
Lysander Upham
Timothy Vinton
James Vandeford
James Whitney
Wm. Woodbury Jr
Sabin Woodbury
Almond Wheeler
Cyrus Whitcomb
William Wheeler
Levi Wilkins
Arnold Wilson
Francis E. Williams
Isaac B. Woodard
Samuel A. Wheeler
Lorin Wheeler
James Whitemore
Aaron Wheeler
Augustus Wheeler
Nathan Whitcomb
Elliot Wood
Timothy S. Wilson
Elijah C. Whitcomb
Willard Whitcomb
Daniel C. Whitcomb
Nathan Whitcomb 2ᵈ
John Weld
David Whitemore
Walter Wiswell
Winchester Wyman
Isaac D. Wiswall
Wᵐ J. Wheeler
James Whittemore
George J. Warren
Naam Wetherbee
James B. Wheeler
Daniel L. Ware
John Wheeler
Francis Wilcox
Solomon Washburn
David E. Wares
Samuel Whitney
Francis Wall
Luke Wellington
Lewis Wilkins
Joseph Willard
Charles B. Wilson
Tyler Younglove

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[258] Warrant for Town Meeting February 13th 1843.

1843. Warrant. February 13

Worcester ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Fitchburg—Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſ-

sachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg, on monday the thirteenth day of February next at one o'clock in the after-noon, to give in their votes to the Selectmen for one Representative, for District Number four to represent them in the Congrefs of the United States of America, for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1843. And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of January in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty three. Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Josiah Sheldon } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. January 30th 1843. By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said town to meet at the time place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting up attested copies of the within Warrant at each of the meeting-houses in said Fitchburg— D. F. McIntire Constable.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting February 13. 1843.

Town Hall Fitchburg February 13. 1843. 1. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the above Warrant the meeting was Called to Order by Chairman of Selectmen and duely opened by reading the Warrant above and also the Warrant of the Governor of the Commonwealth ordering the meeting as above Selectmen presiding—& check list used as the Law directs

Votes for a Representative to Congrefs were then received, sorted, counted, recorded and declared as the Law directs and were as follows.

Representative to Congrefs.

For Representative to Congrefs

Whole number of Votes 344.

William Parmenter had 135.

Samuel Hoar " 132.
Thomas W. Ward " 77.
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[259] Warrant for Town Meeting March 6th 1843.

1843. Warrant March 6.

To either of the Constables of the town Fitchburg in the County of Worcester.—Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts. you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections & town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the sixth day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon then & there to act on the following articles:

Article 1st. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensueing.

Art 2 To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.

Art 3 To see if the town will choose their Treasurer Collector of taxes or act anything respecting the collection of taxes they may think proper.

Art 4 To hear the report of their Committee chosen to settle with Treasurer & inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Afsefsors for the year past and choose a committee for the same purpose for the ensuing year

Art 5 To hear the report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their work-house & por establishment the year past, & choos a committe for the same purpose for the year ensuing.

Art 6 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their High-ways Town-ways & Bridges the year ensuing—determine the manner of laying out said money—fix the price of labor &c on said roads

Art 7 To see what method the town will adopt to keep the two principal roads from Leominster to Westminster lines in the year ensuing

Art 8 To choose a Committee to take care of the bridges the year ensuing

Art 9 To see what sum or sums of money the town

will raise to support their schools the year ensuing and act anything in regard to expending and division of the same they think proper,

Art 10 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necefsary town charges the year ensuing.

Art 11 To hear the report of their School Committee for the past year,

Art 12 To see if the town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing one of the bells for town purposes the year ensuing

Art 13 To see if the town will restrain Horses, Neat Cattle & Swine from running at large within said town the year ensuing.

Art 14 To see if the town will authorise their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town for the year ensuing

Art 15 To choose a Committee to take charge of their Town House the year ensuing

Art 16 To see if the town will authorise their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm for one or more years or act anything thereon.

Art 17 To see if the town will choose a Committee to take charge of & keep in repair the Fire Engines. Engine House & all the apparatus attached to them belonging to the town.

Art 18th To see if the town will annex Isaac B. Woodard to School District No 13

Art 19th To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen commencing at the Common near the first Parish Meeting House, & pafsing over land of Enoch Caldwell, Reuben Rice Barney Pratt & Abel Thurston to a pafsway leading from said Thurstons house to the Coventry road as petitioned for by Luther L. Holbrook & others or act anything in regard to said road they think proper.

[260] Art 20th To see if the town will allow to Dr Jonas A. Marshall a claim for damages done to his carriage by reason of a stone post being set in the road lead-

ing by the Stone Factory near the house formerly occupied by Percy Atherton & give the Selectmen such directions as they see fit respecting keeping said road open and free from obstructions—or act any thing upon either of said subjects they think proper.

Art 21st To pafs such resolutions as they think proper respecting the sale of intoxicating Liquors in this town in future or act anything in regard to the sale of such liquors they think proper,

Art 22 To see if the town will give Afsefsors any instructons as to the manner of taking the invoice and preparing the valuation of the town for the year ensuing

Art 23 To hear the report of any Committee chosen at former meetings of the town and act thereon as they think proper,

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty three Abel Thurston, Josiah Sheldon, Samuel H. Wheeler } Selectmen of Fitchburg

Worcester fs February 18th 1843 By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the inhabitants qualified to vote in said town by posting up attested copies of the within Warrant as directed.

D. F. McIntire (Const)

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town Meeting March 6. 1843

Town Hall Fitchburg March 6, 1843. 9. Oclock A. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was Opened by reading the Warrant and choosing Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator.

Moderator

Prayer. Revr Mr Whitman Opened the meeting with prayer.

Check List Check List used as the Law directs.

Article 1. Town Clerk Chose s Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk who was sworn by Nathaniel Wood Esq

N. B. All Officers of whom an Oath is by Law required and who have been sworn as the Law directs have the letter s. prefixed to their names respectively—with the date of the day on which they were sworn respectively—except those who were sworn in Open Town Meeting on the day they were Chosen into Office

Selectmen. Chose s Abel Thurston
s Josiah Sheldon
s Timothy Vinton Selectmen.

Assessors Assessors
Chose s Cyrus Thurston
s Levi Downe
s Abel Thurston Assessors.

Overseers of Poor. Chose William Carleton
Isaiah Putnam
Abel Thurston Overseers of Poor.

Voted to adjourn for one hour—which was done.

Treasurer Chose s Ebenezer Torrey Town Treasurer.

Constables Chose s Timothy S. Wilson
s David F. McIntire
s Alpheus Kimball Constables.

Chose Revr Calvin Lincoln
" Ebenezer W. Bullard
" Oran Tracy
Horace Newton Esq
John Smith School Committee

Article 2 County Treasurer For County Treasurer Whole number of Votes 169.
Anthony Chase had 169. Votes

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1843. March 6. Article 1st. Highway Surveyors Voted to pafs over the choosing Highway Surveyors to Adjournment.

Tythingmen Voted not to choose Tythingmen.

Field Drivers.

Chose s David Boutelle.
s William B. Towne.
s Cahill Tolman.
s Alpheus P. Kimball.
s Edwin Upton.
John Carr.
March 8. s John Hapgood.
s William S. Downe.
Chrystopher Smith.
s Thomas S. Eaton. Field Drivers.

Fence Viewers.

Chose—s William Woodbury.
s Abel Bruce.
s Daniel Works.
s Thomas Eaton.
s Norman Stone. Fence Viewers.

Surveyors of Lumber.

Chose. March 8. s Abijah Hartwell.
s Ephraim Osborn Jr.
June 22. s Gustavus Lyman.
s Josiah Sheldon.
James Whitney.
s Edwin Upton.
s James P. Putnam.
s. Justin Stearnes.
s Levi Pratt.
s Amos Durant.
Surveyors of Lumber.

Measurers of Wood & Bark.

Chose.
John L. Joslin.
s. Asher Greene.
s Justin Stearnes.
April 4. s Samuel M. Dole.
s Robert Sampson.
s Timothy Vinton.
s Abel Simonds.
April 24. s William Wilder.
s Ebenezer Ball.
March 10. s Robert L. Friar.
Measurers of Wood & Bark.

Sealer of Weights

Chose.
March 8. s Abijah Hartwell
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Sealers of Leather

Chose.
s. Charles Sawtell.
Charles Livermore. Sealers of Leather.

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Town Meeting March 6. 1843

Article 1st.
Cul.
Hoops &
Staves.

Chose.
s Jeremiah Kinsman Jr.
s Jesse Spaulding.
Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Pound
Keeper.

Chose.
s. Erie Carleton. Pound Keeper.

Fire Wards

Chose. Alpheus Kimball.
Jonas A. Marshall.
Josiah Sheldon.
David F. McIntire.
Ebenezer Torrey.
Robert L. Friar.
Abial J. Towne.
John Caldwell.
Timothy Vinton.
Abel Simonds.
Horace Newton.
Samuel Willis.
John H. Wheeler.
Alvah Crocker.
Amos Durant. Fire Wards. All notified & Accepted.

The Fire Wards met March 10. and chose Samuel Willis Chief & Josiah Sheldon and Alpheus Kimball Afsistant Engineers

Article 3d.

Voted not to choose the Treasurer Collector

Taxes
Collection. &
Bondsmen

Voted that the Collector give Bonds to guarante the Whole Legal Tax afsessed and committed to him for Collection and that the Moderator let out the Collection on the above turms to the lowest bidder now—which was done and it was taken by Timothy S. Wilson at 2½ pr. cent.—Sureties William Carleton & Chedorlaomer Marshall accepted by the Towne.

Collector.

Chose. s Timothy S. Wilson.

Article 4. Report on Treasury.

The Report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of Selectmen and Assessors here made their Report which was read and accepted—Showing Town Debt $2.806.86. leaving a Reduction of Debt from last year $1.300.16.

Chose David Boutelle.

Committee on Treasurey 1844.

Horace Newton.

Abel Stevens. Committee to settle with Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors the year ensuing.

Article 5.

Voted to pafs over the fifth Article to adjournment.

Article 6. $1600. for Highways &c.

Voted to Raise Sixteen hundred Dollars for the support of Highways and Bridges for the year ensuing to be expended as last year

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March 6. Article 7. County Roads

Voted that the County Road from Leominster to Westminster through the middle of the town be included in the Highway Districts and that the Selectmen take charge of the South County Road.

Article 8. Bridges.

Voted. That the Selectmen take charge of the Bridges the year ensuing.

Article 18. I. B. Woodard annex to S. District No 13. For Schools $1500. (A. 9.)

Voted that Isaac B. Woodard with his Estate be annexed to District No. 13.

Voted. to Raise Fifteen hundred for Schools to be expended or divided as last year.

Town Charg. (10. $3500.

Voted to Raise Thirty five hundred Dollars for necessary town Charges.

Article 11.

Pafsed over to adjournment.

Ring Bell. 12. $20.

Voted to appropriate twenty Dollars for Ringing Bell for Town purposes.

A. 13. Horses &c Restrained

Voted. That Horses, Neat Cattle and Swine be restrained from running at large the year ensuing.

Ar. 14. Treasurer May bor. Money

Voted. That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the use of the Town.

A. 15. Town House

Voted. That the Selectmen take charge of Town House.

A. 16. Overseers of Poor. Voted. That the Overseers of Poor be Authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Poor Farm for one or more years.

17. Engines Voted. That the Selectmen take charge of Engines and all fire apparatus.

19. Article Pafsed over.

20 Damage to J. A. Marshall Voted. That Dr J. A. Marshall be allowed his claim for damage as set-forth in this article.

Road by Stone Factory. Voted. That the last part of this Article be referred to a Committee of three to report thereon at Adjournment

Committee on Chose Hon Nathaniel Wood
John Coldwell
Horace Newton Esq said Committee.

Ar 21. Pafsed. Over to Adjournment.

Article 22. Pafsed. Over.

Article 23 Mechanic St. The Committee chosen at a former Town meeting on the Subject of Mechanic Street here made the following

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1843. March 6. Report on Mechanic St. Report. "The Committee chosen to take into consideration the Mech^k Street Road (so called) have attended to that duty and Report as follows The damage claimed by Land owners there as near as can be assertained about $1285. this your Committee think is far to high—and that the Town will not be willing to pay the damages claimed nor do your Committee recommend so to do—It is a County Road began by the County Commissioners and we think the County ought to bear the burden of damages rather than the Town and we would recommend that the Town choose an Agent or Agents to request the Hon. County Commissioners to lay out a good and efficient Road from the commencement of the Petition of said Road to where they commenced locating. All which is Resp^ly Submitted

Levi Downe Chm.".

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

After the above Report was Read it was Voted that the same be accepted and the recommendation therein be adopted—Whereupon The Hon Nathaniel Wood was chosen Agent by the town for the purpose set-forth in said Report.

Adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next at 1. O'clock P. M.

April 3. 1843.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 3. 1843 at 1. o'clock P. M. the meeting was opened pursuant to adjournment by the Moderator.

Article 1. Highway Surveyors

Choses William Bemis.
s Nathan Tolman. May 29.
s Nathaniel Cowdin.
s James P. Putnam.
s Daniel S. Eaton.
s Charles P. Deene.
Zachariah Marshall.
s Walter Wiswell.
s Eleazer Davis.
s Joseph Petts.
s Dexter Farwell.
s Levi Fullum.
s Levi Pratt.
s Samuel Hale.
s Benjamin Safford.
s Samuel Shattuck.
s James Hartwell.
s Henry Farwell.
s Ephraim Osborn Jr.
s Daniel Lowe.
s Silas Parkhurst.
James Parkhurst.
s Porter Andrews.
s J. Foster Beal.
s Samuel A. Wheeler.
s Robert Sampson.
s Levi Downe.
Highway Surveyors.

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April 3. Article 5. Poor Support of. $541.49.

The Committee chosen to assertain the expences of the Poor for the past year made their Report with was Read and on Vote was accepted

The whole expense for support of Poor for 1842. $541.49.

Poor Exp Com. on. 1843.

Voted. to choose a Committee of three to ascertain the expences of the Poor the year ensuing.

Chose Horace Newton
Alpheus Boutelle
David Boutelle Said Committee

Article 11. School Report

The Report of the School Committee was Read and accepted and 500 copies ordered to be printed

Articl 20 Report on Road by Stone Factory.

The following Report was next Read.

"The Committee chosen at March Town meeting A. D. 1843. To Report on that part of the 20th Article in the Warrant touching the road leading by the Stone Factory, near the House formaly occupied by Percy Atherton—for keeping the same open and free from obstruction Report from an investigation of the Subject they are satisfied that a public way exists pafsing near the Stone Factory which the Town are legally bound to keep open & in repair—and that the same is now obstructed by Stone Posts—Wood & A. Building—and they recommend that the Selectmen be ordered to open said Public way & render the same safe & convenient for Travellers

Nathl Wood
Horace Newton } Committee"
John Caldwell

After the above Report was Read it was voted that the Report be Accepted and that the Selectmen be instructed as recommended in said Report.

Article 21.

Under the Article the following Resolutions were offered

Resolutions on the Subject of Spirits &c.

"Whereas the use of intoxicating drinks has been the cause of immense suffering, pauperism and crime, and we as citizens of this town, being fully sensible of its demoralizing influence on individuals and the community—

Therefore resolved, That the untiring, and succefsful efforts which have been made, and still are making by our Washingtonian brethren, for the rescue of that unfortunate clafs of our fellow citizens who have fallen into

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Intemperance entitles them to our warmest Sympathies, and hearty thanks and should secure to them the ready cooperation of every friend of humanity in restoring them to sobriety and usefulnefs.

Resolved—that the sale of intoxicating liquors,

except for medicinal and mechanical purposes is unnecessary and injurious in as much as it throws in the way of our youth and reformed friends temptations which they often find themselves too weak toresist.

Resolved that we approve the decession of the Selectmen in withholding their approbation for the sale of said liquors in this town.

Resolved—That in view of the sentiments expresſd in the foregoing resolutions we recommend that where moral suasion and influences, will not induce the abandonment of the Traffic legal means should lent its aid, and the Selectmen be sustained in enforceing the law in such cases made and provided.

Fitchburg April 3. 1843.

The above Resolutions were read and accepted.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

District No 11

To Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk of Fitchburg

The subscribers hereby certify that we have this day determined that the Estates of the following named persons laying in the Town of Fitchburg shall be attached to district No 11 viz

Jesse Bennett	Ashby
Luther Gibson	do
Ezekiel Lowe	"
Nathl Mead	Boxboro
Albert McMann	Ohio

Fitchburg June 16th 1843

Cyrus Thurston } Afseſsors
Levi Downe } of
Abel Thurston } Fitchburg

Recd June 16, 1843 & Recorded by
J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[268] 1843. April 3. Warrant.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 3. 1843.

Worcester ſs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County Worcester—

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the 3d day of April next at three O'clock P. M. to act upon the following Article:

1st. To See if town will authorize their Selectmen to enlarge the Town Hall or act anything thereon they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty forth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred forty three.

Abel Thurston }
Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Timothy Vinton } Fitchburg

Worcester fs: March 27th 1843. By Virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Fitchburg as within directed

D. F. Mc.Intire Constable.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting April 3. 1843

Pursuant to the above warrant the meeting was opened at the Town Hall April 3. 1843 at 3. o'clock P. M. by Reading the Warrant and Choosing Hon Nathl Wood Moderator.

Article 1.

Voted. to pafs over the Article.

Voted. to Dissolve.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[269] Militia Roll of the town of Fitchburg 1843

The following are a list of Names of Persons liable to be enrorolled as Soldiers in the Town of Fitchburg on the first day of May 1843 agreeable to the

Laws of this Commonwealth. taken by the Subscribers Afsefsors of Fitchburg.

Cyrus Thurston } Afsefsors
Levi Downe } of
Abel Thurston } Fitchburg

Fitchburg May 17th 1843

Henry Rockwell
Phineas A. Crocker
James Pierce
Chs. H. Merriam
David H. Merriam
Abert W. Carter
Wm Griswold
John Dole
James Hartwell
Edwin Wilder
Asa P. Reed
Franklin Goodnow
Justin Stearns
Richard Dexter
George Brown
Wm Durant
Chas Rice
John Parkhurst
Arnold Wilson
Joseph Kingsbury
Wm C. Ellick
Benjm F. Wheeler
Franklin Phillips
Levi Sherwin
Henry Atherton
Thomas Oakmam
Saml. M. Caswell
Harlow Frost
John Carr
Leander Andrews
Daniel F. Lowe
Francis E. Williams
Roswell Curtis
Francis Gould
John Holmam
Austin B. Gates
George Arnold
Chs Kinsman
Wm B. Leathe
Lemuel W. Gibson
Semuel F. Adams
Israel H. Parker
Hurburt Bowers
Lorenzo Turner
Josiah Chase
Abbert H Haskins
Marshall Holman
N. R. Rofs
Wm Eaton
Darwin Gates
Leonard Smith
Loren Wheeler
Salathiel W. Farmer
Joel Hartwell
Sumner D. Boyington
Caleb M. Sawyer
Lebeus Leach
Joseph Petts
Chs P. Dean
Andrew J. Dean
Hosea Caswell
Jabez Flint
Winsor Cooper
John Hammond
Zephaniah Hammond
Jacob E. Tolman
Rufus P. Smith
Reubin Smith
Daniel S. Eaton
Olover K. Eaton
Wm Marshall.
Edward Aldrich
Zachariah Marshall
Saml S. Crocker
Marvin Adams
Timothy Vinton
John Daisy
George Stickney
Edwin Wheeler
Gustavus Lyman
Abel F. Adams
Daniel Andrews

Hiram Atherton
William Atherton
George W. Aldrich
Alonzo Andrews
Lucius Aldrich
Dennis Blood
Aaron Bolton
Aaron F. Beman
Josiah W. Boutell
Silas P. Billings
Stillman Burnap
Elisha Brown
Porter Brown
George H. Bofs
Isaac T. Babbit
N. Brofs
Saml Carter
Charles Carter
Alvah Crocker
Elijah S. Carter
Nathan Caswell
Stephen Caswell
Sherman G. Conant
Franklin Colburn
Marcus Curtis
Charles Copeland
G. W. Carlton
Henry Conant
Charles Davis
George W. Damon
Alvan Davis
Wyman Davis
L. K. Damon
James Dunlap
Daniel Emory
Artemas J. Egery
Henry G. Farnsworth

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Hollis Field
John J. Field
Alfred Fox
Job Forster
Arrington Gibson 3rd
Jacob Gibson
Alonzo P. Goodridge
Asher Green
Jedathan M. Gibbs
Joseph Gibson
Alfred Gay
George Graham
Nath! Gilmore
Henry Ginnes
Reubin Gibson
Merrick Gipson
Ebenezer C. Hayden
Seth B. Hall
Charles W. Holt
James L. Haynes
George W. Hager
Silas W. Hutchinson
Nelson G. Heyden
Henry Humes
Edward Harrington
John M Harris
Stephen M. Holden
Lorenzo Kinsman
Jerch Kinsman Jr
Olover Kendall
Z. W. Keys
Timothy W. Kinsman
Stephen Lowe
Freeborn Lawrence
Uriah Lawrence
Benjm D. Leverett
Aaron K. Litch
Edwin Lamb
Lemuel Longley
Olover Lawrence
Moses Marshall
Jeb Mayo
Daniel Moulton
Wm Murrey
Joseph McIntire
James McIntire
Horrace P. Mefsenger
Jacob H. Merriam
Abel Marshall
Joseph Maynard
George S. Mefsenger
Wm McDonald
Lyman McIntire
Reubin McIntire

Charles Mason
Wm Whitcomb
Amos G. Wheeler
Isaac B. Wiswold
David E. Ware
Timothy Wood
Saml. W. Hale
Joseph Willard
George De Wolf
Nathl. S. Boutell
Horace Damon
David Battles
Saml. Battles
Chs Battles
Saml Burnap
Alvah A. Beckwith
J. Forster Beal
Robert Brown
Nelson D. Barrell
Joseph Bemis
Andrew Conant
Edward Carter
James Cooper
Wm S. Downe
Fitch Downe
Albert B. Damon
Addison W. Damon
Wm Damon
Edward W. Divoll
Samuel H. Evans
Thos S. Eaton
Levi Farnsworth
Levi Fullum
Charles Farwell
Dexter Farwell
Johnathan Farnsworth Jr
Elijah C. Farwell,
Dixon L. Gill
Roswell Graham
John Goodridge Jr
Abner Lamphier
Luther Maynard
Adam Miller
Thos C. Caldwell
Alvan Osborn
Silas Pratt
Thomas Palmer
French C. Pike
Isaac Ripley
Alden Ripley
Abram Roggers
Jefsee Spaulding
Charles Sautell
Sherebiah Q. Sautell
Wm Smith
Stephan Tolman
Oscar Tolman
James Q. Vanderford
Benjm Whitney
William Woodbury Jr
Sabin Woodbury
Johnathan Whitman
Levi Wilkins
Gilman Wheeler
Amos Sheldon
Farwell Nichols
Wm D. Newton
David Ordway
Lucius Osborn
George Ordway
Francis Phillips
James P. Putnam
Nathan Prescott
James Parkhurst
Alden Phelps
Sulivan G. Preston
Solomon Pratt
John Putnam
Salmon W. Putnam
David M. Parker
Porter H. Putnam
Wm B. Phelps
Wm M. Park
John Park

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Francis B. Pratt
Joel Parker
George Reed
Charles H. Raymond
Jerome F. Richardson
Dexter B. Reynolds
Albert Richardson
Benjamin Safford

Avory Stockwell	John Weld
Joseph Scott	Saml Whitney
Saml Shattuck	Tyler Younglove
Saml B. Smith	Barnard Fuller
Joseph Smith	Nathan G. Forster
John C. Stimpson	Edmund Stamp
Abel Stevens	Francis I McIntire
Alpha Smith	Nahum Willard
Johnathan D. Sanborn	Luther G. Howard
Loriston Stockwell	Edwin Holmes
David H. Smith	Cahill Tolman
——— Stone	Charles B. Pearson
Andrews Sawyer	James R. Burditt
Andrew Twitchel	Wm E. Haskins
David Taylor Jr	H. K. W. Palmer
Daniel Taylor	Leonard Davis
William Tate	John A. Stiles
John M. Twitchel	J. P. Danford
Olover S. Tilden	S. W. Wilder
Timothy Underwood	Abert Whitney
Nathl Wood	Bradford Kendall
Augustus Wheeler	Lincoln McIntire
Nathan Whitcomb	Eli W. Raymond
William Winch	Levi Farwell
Winchester Wyman	John Cram
Wm G. Wyman	Samuel Bennett
Ebn Whittemore	Aaron K. Litch
George P. Warren	Alvan Scott

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Non Residents Taxed in District No 11.

To Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk of Fitchburg

The Subscribers hereby certify that we have this day determined that the estates of the following named persons laying in the town of Fitchburg shall be attached to District No 11. viz

Jesse Bennett	Ashby
Luther Gibson	Do
Ezekiel Lord	"
Nathl Mead	Boxboro
Albert McMann	Ohio

Fitchburg June 16th 1843. Cyrus Thurston, Levi Downe, Abel Thurston } Assessors of Fitchburg

Recd June 16. 1843 by J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Recorded also on page 267.

[272] 1843. Warrant October 7.

Warrant for Town Meeting Oct 7. 1843

Worcester ſs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Saturday the seventh day of October next at four oclock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles—

Art 1st To see if the town will cut down the hills between the house of Stephen Lowe & Dea J. Jaqueth, and act any thing in regard to cutting down said hills & altering said road they may think proper.

Art 2d To see if the town will discontinue so much of the old road beginning at the Southerly terminni of the new road leading from Fitchburg to Ashby to the Oak tree on the road leading from Stephen Lowe,s to Dea J. Jaqueth,s as is not taken up by the building of the said new road or act anything thereon.

Art 3d To hear the report of the Committee chosen to request the County Commissioners to continue the location of the new road through Mechanic Street. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time & place of the Meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of Sept in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty three

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Timothy Vinton } Fitchburg

Worcester ſs. By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town town affairs to meet at the time place,

& for the purpose within specified by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public Meeting houses in the village of Fitchburg

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[273] Oct. 7, 1843. Town Meeting

Town Meeting October 7. 1843.

Town Hall Fitchburg October 7. 1843. 4. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was Opened by reading the Warrant. and choosing William Carleton Moderator.

Art. 1st. Under the first article in the Warrant it was Voted that the Hills should be cut down to five Degrees.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to lett out to the lowest bidder the cutting down of said hills— and superintend the same and that said Committee should draw their order on the Town Treasurer for the cutting aforesaid when done to their acceptance.

chose Abel Thurston, Josiah Sheldon and Isaiah Putnam Said Committee.

Art 2d. Voted that the Old Road specified in the second Article of the Warrant be discontinued from and after the completion of the above alterations voted under the first Article.

Art. 3d Voted to pafs over the Third Article.

Voted to Dissolve.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant. Novm 13. 1843.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 13. 1843—

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the county aforesaid Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall, in Fitchburg on Monday the thirteenth day of November next, it being the second Monday of said Month, at ten of the clock, in the fore noon, to bring in their votes, to the Selectmen, for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor

of the Commonwealth, and for Five Senators, on one ballot for the District of Worcester County for the year ensuing. Also at the same time to choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid, given under our hands this twenty fourth day of October, in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty three

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Josiah Sheldon } of
Timothy Vinton } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. October 27th 1843. By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg as within directed

D. F. McIntire Constable of Fitchbur.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[274] 1843. Town Meeting. Novm 13.

Town Meeting November. 13. 1843.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 13. 1843. 10. O'clock A. M. Pursuant to the Warrant Recorded on preceding page the meeting was opened by Reading the same. Selectmen presiding. Check list used as the Law directs. Votes were received, Sorted, counted and declared as by Law is prescribed also Recorded. Returnes thereof made out Signed & Sealed up in Open town Meeting. and were as followes

For Governor.	Whole number of	Votes	517.
	Marcus Morton	had	199.
	George N. Briggs	"	199.
	Samuel E. Sewall	"	119.
For Lt. Governor.	Whole number of	Votes	518.
	Henry H. Childs	had	200.
	John Reed	"	199.
	William Jackson	"	119.

For Senators	Whole number of Votes		518.
	Isaac Davis	had	200.
	John Spurr	"	200.
	Arial Bragg	"	200.
	Walter A. Bryant	"	200.
	Kilburn Harwood	"	199.
	Levi Lincoln	"	199.
	Solomon Strong	"	199.
	Linus Child	"	199.
	Alexander DeWitt	"	199.
	Dann Hill	"	199.
	Thomas W. Ward	"	119.
	Gilman Jones	"	118.
	Nicholas Jenks	"	119.
	Joseph Griggs	"	119.
	Reuben Whitcomb Jr.	"	119.

For Representative

Whole number 432. necessary for a choise 217.

	Nathaniel Wood	had	172.	
	Alvah Crocker	"	146.	
First Ballot.	Alpheus Kimball	"	94.	
	Joseph Upton	"	19.	
	Abel Thurston	"	1.	no choise

Second Ballot.

Whole number of Votes 460. for a choise 231.

Nathaniel Wood	had	195.	
Alvah Crocker	"	152.	
Alpheus Kimball	"	103.	
Joseph Upton	"	9.	
Abel Thurston	"	1.	no choise

After the second ballot the meeting voted not to send a Representative. Voted to Dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall T. Clerk

[275] 1843. Warrant November 13.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 13. 1843.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants

of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in Fitchburg on Monday the thirteenth day of November instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles.

Article 1st. To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen commencing at the southerly corner of land of Samuel Hawes near the School House of District No 12. and terminating at the County road leading from Fitchburg to Leominster as petitioned for by David Taylor Jr and others.

Article 2d. To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen commencing near the House of Josiah Brown and terminating at the County Road near the house of C. Marshall as petitioned for by John Pritchard and Others.

Article 3d. To see if the Town will accept of the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this third day of November in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty three

Abel Thurston }
Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of Fitchburg
Timothy Vinton }

Worcester ſs October 4th 1843 By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town as within directed

D. F. McIntire Constable of Fitchbg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[276] Town Meeting November 13. 1843

1843. November 13. Town Hall Fitchburg November 13. 1844. 2. O'clock P. M. Town Meeting Opened by reading the

Warrant and choosing the Hon Nathaniel Wood Moderator pursuant to Warrant Recorded on preceding page The businefs of the annual November meeting not having been finished an adjournment of one hour was voted.

Article 1st

After the expiration of the hour The following Report was Read and Accepted.

Road Report prayed for by David Taylor Jr and Others. Accepted

"We the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town way as follows. Beginning about two feet east of the Southerly corner of the land of Samuel Hawes, thence S. 26º W. 11. rods 19. links to a stone in the ground on the land of William Wilder by the bank wall near his house thence S. 28º 30′ W. 3 rods 17. links to a stone near the Shop of William Wilder thence S. 43º W. 1. rod to a stone thence S. 68º 15′ W. till it intersects the County Road The above bounds are on the Westerly side of the road and said road is to be two rods in width untill the easterly line of the same comes at a right angle with a stone sett in the ground near William Wilders Shop —then the said easterly line bears S. 11º W. by the land of David Boutelle till it intersects the County Road. And we have not awarded any damages to the owners of the land on each side of said way. Which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way.

Dated at Fitchburg this third day of November in the year eighteen hundred and forty three.

Abel Thurston }
Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Timothy Vinton } Fitchburg"

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 2d.

The Report of the Selectmen on the petition of John Prichard and others for a Road from near said John Prichards house to C. Marshall's old city was then read

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1843.
Road Reported From Josiah Browns to C. Marshall's & Accepted.

Town Meeting November 13. 1843

After said Report was read the Town Voted to accept the Report which follows

"We the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town, a town way as follows: Beginning on the southerly side by a stake and stones at the corner of land of Josiah Brown and land of the Heirs of Samuel Willis, thence South 63º 30′ East 31. rods 22 links to a stone set in the ground at the corner of land of Abial J. Towne: —Thence South 3º 45′ East 23 Rods 15 links to an angle by land of Torrey & Wood:—Thence South 1º 45′ East 27 rods 8 links to a stone set in the ground 2. rods 1½ links from the Southeasterly corner of Cl Marshall's house and in a line with the Southerly side of sd house—Thence South 22º 15′ West 2. rods to a stone set in the ground thence South 52º 15′ West till it intersects with the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Leominster. The line on the Easterly side of said Road commencing opposite the angle by land of Torrey and Wood bears South 1º 45′ East till it intersects the County road above mentioned. All the bounds of sd road are on the Southerly, and Westerly side of the same—and the said Road is to be 40. feet wide until it comes to the stone above mentioned in a line with the southerly side of Cl Marshall's house from thence it widens till it intersects with the County road above mentioned at which it is 77 feet in width—And we have awarded no damage to the owners of land on either side of said road—

Which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this third day of November in the year eighteen hundred and forty three.

Abel Thurston }
Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Timothy Vinton } Fitchburg"

*"Since this Report was accepted by the town, a part of C. Marshall's house, on the Southeasterly corner has been removed leaving the stone bound on the westerly side of said street, and on a line of the Southerly side of said house as it now stands 3 rods and 1½ links from the Southeasterly corner thereof."

Attest: E. F. Bailey Town Clerk.

Fitchburg Oct. 31. 1857—The above is inserted by order of the Selectmen—

Article 3d

Under the third Article the Selectmen submited the following "List of names Selected as Jurors in the Town of Fitchburg by the Selectmen Nov 1843.

A. F. Adams
John Andrews
David Boutelle
Alpheus Boutelle
Thomas C. Caldwell
William Carleton
John Caldwell
Levi Downe
Amos Durant
John T. Farwell
Robert L. Frayer
Asher Green
Alonzo P. Goodridge
J M. Gibbs
Abijah Hartwell
Samuel Haws
John L. Joslin
Levi Kendall
Daniel Lowe
Daniel Mefsinger
Abel Marshall
Abraham Osborn
Levi Pratt
John D. Pratt
Francis Perkins
Porter Piper
Asa Patridge
Isaiah Putnam
Edward Smith
Josiah Sheldon
Levi Sherwin
Justin Stearns
Everett Sprague
Benjn Safford
Abel Simonds
Abel Thurston
Nathan Tolman
Joseph Upton Jr
Timothy Vinton
Daniel Works
Isaac B. Woodward
Samuel A. Wheeler
Tylor Younglove

Abel Thurston }
Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Timothy Vinton }

Fitchburg Nov 7th 1843.

This List having been read it was on vote accepted after which the meeting was Dissolved

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

*The nine lines following are written in the margin of the original.

[278] 1843. Warrant. Novm 27

Warrant for Town Meeting November 27. 1843

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall, in Fitchburg, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of November next, it being the fourth Monday of said month, at one of the clock in the after noon, to bring in their votes, to the Selectmen Representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this thirteenth day of November in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Abel Thurston }
Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Timothy Vinton } Fitchburg.

Worcester, fs. November 20th A. D. 1843. By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town Fitchburg as within directed

D. F. McIntire Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting November 27. 1843.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 27. 1843. at 1. O'clock P. M. The meeting was called to order by the Selectmen and Opened by reading the above Warrant. Selectmen presiding.

Motion was then made that we send a Representative which was put by the Selectmen and lost by a desided negative The Meeting was then dissolved.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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